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OPERATIONS BY GERMANY AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION WILL REQUIRE THREE MONTHS INSTEAD OF THE SCHEDULED TWO

Forced To Add 50 Divisions To Original Four Hundred

A special NICHU NICHU SHIMBUN dispatch from Sofia reports that German military experts are now of the opinion that

Firstly, OPERATIONS AGAINST SOVIET RUSSIA WILL REQUIRE THREE MONTHS INSTEAD OF THE SCHEDULED TWO MONTHS;

Secondly, THE UKRAINE HARVEST MUST BE ABANDONED UNTIL NEXT YEAR;

Thirdly, THE SOVIET RESISTANCE HAS FORCED GERMANY TO ADD 50 DIVISIONS TO THE ORIGINAL 400; and,

Fourthly, ALTHOUGH THE LUFTWAFFE HAS SCORED OVERWHELMING VICTORIES THE CONSIDERABLE SOVIET AIR FORCE REMAINS.

German planes raided Moscow on Thursday night but only a few aircraft managed to penetrate the city's outer defences, says Reuter.

A number of bombs were dropped but no military damage was done.

THAILAND-JAPAN BANKING AGREEMENT: DESCRIBED AS PURELY ECONOMIC

TOKYO, Aug. 1 (Reuter).—The THAI BANKING SYNDICATE and YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK have concluded an agreement whereby the latter will be granted a credit of 10,000,000 bahts (about 15,000,000 Yen), the Ministry of Finance revealed.

The agreement is described as purely economic to allow Japanese purchases of Thai products under the present exchange difficulties.

Informal circles believe that the credit will serve to revive and maintain normal trade relations between the two countries which were interrupted by Britain's freezing of Japanese assets, as the baht is linked with the sterling.

A Japanese report from Bangkok quotes informed circles as predicting that the extension of the 10,000,000 baht credit by the Thai Banking Syndicate to the Yokohama Specie Bank would be followed sooner or later by an abandonment of the policy of economic dependence on Britain in favour of voluntary economic co-operation with Japan.

The report continues that though the baht is pegged with the sterling, Thai funds in London

have been in fact half frozen since the outbreak of the European war.

A NEW BASIS

It is declared in Bangkok that it is impossible to think that Thailand could be threatened or cajoled by British interests into over-throwing its economic policy toward Japan, and emphasised the probability that Thailand would find a new basis of trade relations with Japan calling for a settlement independent of the sterling.

The report adds that if Britain insisted on exerting pressure on Thailand because of the loan, the latter would cut loose economic bonds with London and upset the independent policy as a member of the East Asiatic body of nations.

Secret Vichy Orders To Dentz Revealed

Forbade Reinforcements To Indo-China

LONDON, Aug. 2 (Reuter).—A sustained German intervention to prevent the VICHY GOVERNMENT in sending reinforcements to Indo-China while encouraging, on the contrary, the strengthening of Vichy military forces in West Africa are confirmed in the secret instructions given by the Vichy War Ministry to GENERAL DENTZ while the latter was still in authority in Syria.

Free French Headquarters in London yesterday published extracts from the secret document found among the archives of General Dentz's headquarters when Allied troops occupied Syria.

Among numerous of such instructions, two are typical. They both emanate from the "Armistice Department" of the Vichy Ministry of War.

One dated, Jan. 15 this year, reads: "Reinforcements both in men and material granted by the German and Italian Armistice Commission have been sent or are being sent chiefly to French West Africa but the German Commission still refuse to allow reinforcements

of men and material for the defence of Indo-China."

FINAL DECISION

Another report to General Dentz dated a month later, Feb. 15, reads: "The German Armistice Commission has informed us of its final decision to forbid all reinforcements to Indo-China of men and material either from France or Madagascar."

In another secret report, Vichy told General Dentz, "The German Armistice Commission has refused all reinforcements of defence forces in Indo-China. This refusal applies in particular to sending to this Colony of American-built planes on board the Bearn at present immobilised at Martini-que."

The Russians continue to hold the German advance on all fronts with fierce counter-attacks.

In the Smolensk area the Germans have been held and flung back with considerable loss.

In the Ukraine area the Germans are meeting with very fierce resistance and the Russians are fighting fiercely in the Latvian border.

On the Finnish front the Nazis and Finns are making very little progress and the Russians have inflicted heavy losses on them.

The Russian Air Force, in spite of Dr. Goebbels' assertion that it has been practically destroyed, is still an active force and is inflicting heavy damage on Nazi ground troops and communications.

GREATEST TASK

"As the war in Russia approaches the end of the sixth week the Germans find themselves facing the greatest task in all their history," said MAJOR ALLEN MURRAY when he broadcast a commentary of the news from London yesterday. The German people had been told that the war would be over in a few days and they were confident almost to a pitch of apathy.

Everyday as the ceaseless flow of hospital trains arrive the Germans become more nervous and the news is anxiously devoured.

There was also the great number of troops engaged in the fight to be remembered. The growing uneasiness in Germany might develop into an open denunciation of the invasion of Russia. The only way to counter this was for Hitler to pull off some sweeping victory, but the German people did not see any reason for a sudden change in their favour.

THIRD ASSAULT

As far as the actual fighting was concerned the drives to Leningrad and Moscow had gained nothing decisive. The Germans may be expected to plan a third and desperate assault.

Major Murray said he thought the Russians were probably capable of launching a big counter-offensive.

All this made good reading but there was the other side to the picture and that was that we must guard against thinking that because the Russians are fighting well we could sit back and watch. This way force Hitler to take some desperate action against Britain.

We must redouble our efforts and there was no time for complacency, he concluded.

Tokyo, Aug. 1 (Reuter).—The Foreign Office disclosed that it has received a report from the Japanese Embassy in Hanking that the Thailand Government has extended de jure recognition to Manchoukuo.

CHRIST CHURCH VICAR GOING TO AUSTRALIA

Glowing tribute to the Rev. H. D. Rosenthal, B.A. (Dub.), Vicar of Christ Church, Kowloon Tong, was paid by Mr. J. A. Tarrant, Warden of the Church, at a presentation to the Vicar by the congregation on his departure on leave for Australia next week where he will be joining his family.

Mr. Rosenthal was the recipient of a canteen silver set and a portable typewriter.

There was a large gathering present at the Vicarage. Major R. J. L. Penfold presided.

Making the presentation, Mr. Tarrant referred to the Vicar's family having been evacuated from the Colony and said that an opportunity had been presented to Mr. Rosenthal to proceed to another field in God's service.

The speaker wished Mr. Rosenthal, in his new sphere of work in Christ's service, every happiness and success.

The Rev. David Rosenthal, Vicar of Christ Church, Kowloon Tong, is proceeding on furlough early this month. His departure makes a further serious gap in the already attenuated line of English clergy in the Colony, says The Andrian. It is good that the Cathedral has secured the temporary assistance of our old friend, the Rev. Charles Higgins, who was helping Mr. Higgs as Honorary Assistant for some months last year.

Outspoken Vicar Of St. Andrew's Resigns

Rev. J. R. Higgs' Reasons For Not Returning

THE REV. JAMES ROBERT HIGGS, B.A., F.R.G.S., Vicar of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, since 1934, and who is at present in New Zealand where he took over a temporary post a few months ago, has resigned and will not be returning to Hongkong.

Mr. Higgs, it will be recalled, strongly criticised the Evacuation Order both from the pulpit and in his parish magazine, THE ANDRIAN.

Preaching in St. Andrew's Church on July 28 last year, Mr. Higgs, on the charges of discrimination in the evacuation of women and children from Hongkong, said, "It will take a long time before the Colony lives this down."

"Although finance has been the deciding factor for my not returning, yet there are other factors too," writes Mr. Higgs in a letter to the Church Council, published

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RUSSIAN-POLISH AGREEMENT IS TRIUMPH FOR MR. ANTHONY EDEN



MR. EDEN



GEN. SIKORSKI



M. MAISKY

Steed On Important Achievements Of Three Outstanding Personalities

The important achievements which three outstanding personalities—MR. ANTHONY EDEN, GENERAL SIKORSKI and M. IVAN MAISKY—had brought to fruition this week formed the subject of a most interesting talk by MR. H. WICKHAM STEED, the well-known commentator on international events, when he broadcast from London yesterday in the series "World Affairs."

"Mr. Anthony Eden, Britain's Foreign Secretary, has been mixed up with important events this week," began Mr. Steed. "He is a hard working fellow whose head seems to be screwed on the right way and for a man who is just 44 years of age he has had wide experience."

"When the last war broke out he was just a schoolboy but he went through that war and came out of it with the rank of a Brigade Major. He was in Parliament in 1923 and visited Australia in 1925. In 1926 he became Parliamen-

tary Secretary to Sir Austen Chamberlain.

"He attended many meetings of the League of Nations at Geneva where he won the friendship of men with whom he is now dealing. In 1935 he became Secretary for Foreign Affairs and, disagreeing with the late Mr. Neville Chamberlain's policy in not agreeing to sanctions against Mussolini, he resigned in 1938.

UNIQUE ADVANTAGE

"In the present Government he has been Secretary for the Dominions, Secretary for War and then Foreign Secretary again. He also had the unique advantage of knowing Soviet Russia when he visited her leaders in Moscow."

"If after that experience he is unable to get a right idea of international affairs he must be a duffer," continued Mr. Steed. "But nobody can call him that and many people think he has the full advantages of British tradition of men who go into Parliament early and get a hang of international affairs while their minds are yet receptive."

"Though Mr. Eden cannot have known much of the world as it was before the last war he had a chance of learning much of the world since the last war ended. He has a strong sense of responsibility and he has learnt the value of words. There is never a flat note or a false note in his public statements. They can be read with a magnifying glass and still bear scrutiny."

DIRECT CONFLICT

"This week Mr. Eden said something that made people rub their eyes. He was speaking of the Japanese move in Indo-China and stated that the Japanese action was in direct conflict with the

categorical assurance that nothing of the sort would take place as given by the Japanese Government on July 5.

"Nevertheless, Mr. Eden carefully abstained from using an angry word to Japan and he pointed out that it was Japan herself that by aggression had drawn closer and

INDEMNITY OFFER BY JAPANESE

The Japanese Government has offered to pay indemnity to the United States for the bombing of the U.S. gunboat Tutuila, lying off Chungking, states a Reuter message from London.

closer together the countries that lay in her path. He concluded: "I cannot believe that statesmanship in Japan is entirely deaf or blind and I sincerely trust that those responsible for the destinies of Japanese affairs will yet reflect while there is still time on the course where their present policy is leading them."

"Mr. Steed declared that if this statement had been made by a Foreign Secretary other than Mr. Eden it might have been said that there was a touch of appeasement about those words. Those who tell that way, however, were seriously mistaken. It was because Mr. Eden believed that statesmanship was not deaf or blind in Japan that he expressed this hope and that there was still in that country opinion strong enough to divert Japan from her present course."

"What Mr. Eden meant to imply was that the British Commonwealth was not looking for trouble but that she was not flinching

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Today's News Summary

WHILE FIERCE FIGHTING is still raging in the Smolensk sector where the Russians are reported to have made strong counter-attacks, it is now reported that the German military authorities are now saying that the Russian campaign will take three months instead of the scheduled two. The Soviet Air Force is still a considerable striking power.

AN ECONOMIC AGREEMENT has been concluded between Japan and Thailand.

THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT has agreed to pay indemnity for the bombing of the American gunboat Tutuila.

THERE WAS A DEBATE ON INDIA in the House of Commons yesterday when Mr. L. S. Amery, the Secretary for India, made a statement.

SECRET VICHY WAR DEPARTMENT orders to General Dentz, in Syria, are now revealed.

V.R.C. INTER-MEMBER GALA TONIGHT

Vivienne Churn Favoured To Annexe Ladies' Sprint

BY "JIN"

Tonight the Victoria Recreation Club will hold its second Inter-Member swimming meet. Although there are no open races the programme consists of fourteen events. The main event is the ladies 50 yards free-style for "A" class and the cream of local mermaids will be seen in a tiao.

The Misses Vivienne Churn, Jacqueline Anderson, Celeste Guterres, "Ding" Lopes, Eileen Grant and Myra Noronha are the finalists and this will be a race worth seeing. Miss Churn will start but favourite but watch little Miss Guterres who, though regarded as a distance swimmer, is a sprinter of no mean ability.

Another interesting event will be the Mixed Relay.

THE PROGRAMME

The programme follows—
Women's 100 yards back stroke handicap; Men's 100 yards back stroke handicap; Boys' 50 yards back stroke handicap; Women's 50 yards free-style "A" class; Men's 100 yards free-style "A" class; Boys' 50 yards free-style "A" class; Women's 25 yards (New Learners); Members Diving; Men's 100 yards breast stroke handicap; Women's 25 yards back stroke; Boys' 100 yards back stroke handicap; Men's 50 yards back stroke handicap; Mixed Relay; Members Water Polo.

At the conclusion of the gala there will be dancing to the music of Mickey's Melody Makers.

David Hutchinson, Colony's 100-yard record holder has not touched his last year's form since joining the Y.M.C.A. Next Saturday he will be matched against Tsui Hang, Ng Nin and Charles Huang. With the close proximity of the Colony Championships his performance will be watched with interest.

A. K. "Smalley" Rumjahn, Back Stroke Champion, has taken up training seriously. He swims a mile every day and hopes to beat Lau Po-hel's record of 68 3/5 seconds.

The Yolie sisters, Yvonne and Jeannette, have taken to swimming. These two lassies are mak-

ing great strides, especially Yvonne, who has taken to the "butterfly." The girls are also all rounders and are outstanding performers in softball, handball, hockey and athletics.

Joe Marques, V.R.C. hope for the breast stroke, has improved greatly. His fine showing during the Lai Tsun Meet places him as a strong contender for the Colony crown. He has perfected the butterfly stroke and more will be heard of this youngster in coming fetes.

The Sing Tao medley relay team of Ng Nin, Shek Kam Pui and Lee Fook-kee have been undefeated this season. It will be interesting to note how they will fare against the V.R.C. trio of A. K. Rumjahn, L. Remedios and D. Hutchinson on Aug. 9.

It would be a great pity if Mrs. Murrell is not competing in the forthcoming big gala or the Colony's Championships. Her times in the A.N.S.-V.A.D. Gala proved her worth and it would be a great show if we could see her in action against our A-1 mermaids.

Ho Siu-lam, Chinese Athletic Swimming Club champion, is reputed to be very good. It is generally known he is not a local Chinese but recently returned from the Philippine Islands. A comparative newcomer this youngster will bear watching in the near future.

ON THE COURSE



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SUNDAY, AUG. 3
Old Course

a.m.
9.16 T. J. J. Fenwick, S. L. Lloyd.
9.20 G. G. Alkenhead, D. S. Robb.
9.24 W. Hewitt, R. Forrest.
9.28 K. S. Morrison, I. H. Geare.
9.32 H. F. Phillips, G. C. Worral.
9.36 A. McKellar, J. L. Macintyre.
10.16 A. E. Lissaman, A. K. Mackenzie.
10.20 A. B. Purves, R. Young.
10.32 W. J. E. Mackenzie, H. Overy.

New Course

a.m.
9.20 W. Park, W. Stoker.
MONDAY, AUG. 4
Old Course

a.m.
9.16 A. E. Lissaman, D. S. Robb.
9.20 S. L. Lloyd, R. Forrest.
9.24 A. B. Purves, I. H. Geare.
9.28 H. F. Phillips, A. J. Dennis.

SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY

BASEBALL.—U.S.S. Mindanao v. Chung Hwa (Railway Corner, Kowloon) 3 p.m.

BASKETBALL.—Wu Teh Chen Trophy matches, Trojans v. Chinese Y.M.C.A. (Chinese "Y", Kowloon) 7.30 p.m.; Bank Union v. Black Cats (Chinese "Y", Kowloon) 8.30 p.m.

BOWLS.—First Division, Recrelo "A" v. Kowloon B.G.C. "A"; Recrelo "B" v. Craigengower; Kowloon C.C. v. Police R.C.; Kowloon B.G.C. "B" v. Civil Service C.C.; Kowloon Docks R.C. v. Indian R.C. Second Division, Tal-koo R.C. v. Recrelo; Hongkong F.C. v. Hongkong C.C.; Prison Officers v. Kowloon Tong; Kowloon F.C. v. Kowloon C.C. Third Division, Hongkong Electric v. Craigengower; Kowloon B.G.C. v. Recrelo; Indians R.C. v. Kowloon F.C.; Hongkong C.C. v. Hongkong F.C.

SWIMMING.—Triangular Swimming Gala, Chinese Bathing Club, South China Athletic Association and Hongkong University, in aid of Chinese Medical Relief Fund (G.B.C.) 7.15 p.m.

TOMORROW

BASEBALL.—U.S.S. Mindanao v. South China (Railway Corner, Kowloon) 11 a.m.

BOWLS.—Colony Open Rinks Championship, A. M. Omar, K. M. Omar, B. W. Bradbury and U. M. Omar v. R. P. Phillips, P. A. Peckham, J. E. Henson and A. Hyde-Lay (At Recrelo); R. Basa, A. E. Coates, J. S. Landolt and C. S. Rosset v. E. Strange, S.H. Strange, C. Strange and H.E. Strange (At Kowloon B.G.C.)

Prizes to the winners and runners-up of the Small Football League, the Black and Gray Sports and the Tung Shan Sports Club were presented by the chairman of the sponsors, the Chung Hwa Small Football Association at the Naval Recreation ground, Causeway Bay, on Thursday afternoon.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 2 to 8 Aug. 1941.

Days of Week	Days of Month	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Sat.	2	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		4.28	6.1	11.47	2.3
Sun.	3	17.47	4.3	22.24	3.3
		03.22	0.6	12.57	1.6
		19.23	4.0	23.32	3.4
Mon.	4	06.39	0.8	—	—
		20.30	4.4	13.63	1.2
Tues.	5	07.25	7.2	00.34	3.2
		31.22	4.0	14.37	0.9
Wed.	6	08.18	7.4	01.37	3.2
		22.04	4.6	15.18	0.6
Thu.	7	09.08	7.4	02.18	3.2
		23.30	4.7	16.63	0.6
Fri.	8	09.47	7.4	02.59	2.9
		23.14	4.9	16.28	0.8

must learn. This sending out by observation went on for four months then Robinson went into the gym and started to work.

Mindanao, Chung Hwa To Meet In Probable Pennant Decider Today

BY "R.O.Y."

BASEBALL FANS ARE EXPECTED TO TURN OUT IN FULL FORCE for the probable pennant decider this afternoon at 3 p.m. when the contestants are the league leading Mindanao bluejackets and the second place Chung Hwa Maroons.

Manager "Sid" Fowlowski will return to the mound for this important battle and will have Tony Mascavage behind the plate. Rapid Robert Strahl at the initial sack. R. M. Wilson at second. Bowersox at third and "Crooner" Ruel at the Windy Alley will complete the infield, while the outer line of defence will be held by Moore, Willie Wilson and Kennard.

Mentor P. K. Lau, aided by the foxy guidance of "Granpop" Leung, will probably send Wally Ching to the hillock in a big effort to turn the Mindanao boys back while Bill Chang retains the hindsnatching duties.

Y. T. Chan will look after the first station, Al Lau second, Willie "Wee" Woo the Hot Corner and Ho short. Gardeners will be Morrocco Chan, who did so well with the hickory last week, Dick Chung and "Looney" Loong.

"Doc" Molthen, Hal Wing Lee and Welfie Welford are slated to arbitrate, so there shouldn't be too many arguments.

BURDEN ON POWLAWSKI

As it has been with them right from the start of the campaign, the Mindanao gang are entirely dependant upon the way rowlaw-ski shapes on the mound and if he's right, the sailors should win handily especially as the Chinese outfit is well known for its betting weakness.

On the other hand, should "Ski" be a little off and the Chinese boys manage to garner a few tallies

early on, the Chung Hwa defence is sound enough to hang on long enough to take a close decision.

With their last clash in mind, the Mindanao gang won well after conceding an early lead—inductions are that an excellent tussle should be seen if Wally Ching reproduces the "stuff" he showed in his last turn on the mound.

SUNDAY'S GAME

Only one game will be played tomorrow, Mindanao again turning out, this time against South China at 11 a.m., with "Granpop" Leung, Nip Lum and Chung handling the umpiring chores. Although there is little likelihood of Hal Wing Lee's South China boys upsetting the champions they will be in there trying and "there's no telling what will happen in a baseball game."

"Ski" Fowlowski will probably rest in the pastures in this game so Tony Mascavage or Hank Ruel will be sent to the mound. The Mindanao has such a short roster nowadays that there is little hope of seeing any changes, positional excepted, in the composition of the team.

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Paul Lau will again hurl for the Southern Chinese and will, of course, have Skipper Hal Wing Lee supporting him behind the pan. Ernie Moy will guard the initial sack, Nelson Ma the keystone, Ng Chun Wah third and "Shorty" Pau the Windy slot. Outfielders will be Pat Wong, Cecil Wing Lee and "Dopey" Lo.

FRIENDLY MATCH

After this match, there is a possibility of the Engineers taking on a young Portuguese nine whose "moving spirit" is "Bubbles" Remedios of the V.R.C. softballers. It's too late for this season but maybe we'll see a Portuguese squad in the league next year, and what an event that will be.

A SECOND KID CHOCOLATE

Young Negro Boxer Who Has Won All Bouts

NEW YORK.—The next lightweight champion of the world is going to be a skinny coloured kid named Ray Robinson, from New York's Harlem district and he should make it before Santa Claus starts trucking to town.

There are no guarantees given with the above for we stopped giving those gold-edged certificates because of the strange things that happen to fight in New York like bum decisions, injuries and other unforeseen items. But it everything runs strictly on the level we don't see how this 1941 edition of Kid Chocolate can miss.

There's another little coloured fellow around the East named Bob Montgomery who gave lightweight Champion Lew Jenkins plenty of leather hell not so long ago, but he's a heavier set lad and probably will concentrate on welterweights and their champion, Fritz Zivic, in the future.

Robinson is a picture fighter. He has legs and arms like broomsticks but punches like an electric trip-hammer with either hand. He's fast as a streak of light and he can dance and box and take it. There was some doubt about the latter until he hit the deck a few times recently and climbed up to belt his opponent out.

ONLY A KID

He's only a kid and has been fighting professionally less than a year. He started in the Golden Gloves three years ago against his wishes. Ray didn't want to be a fighter but was brought over to the Salem-Crescent Club, cradle of New York's Negro amateur stars and introduced to the coach, one George Gainesford.

Gainesford watched him work and told him to forget about a ring career. "Too skinny" was the verdict. "Come back in another year," said George.

That was all right with Ray. He had fulfilled his promises to friends by giving the boxing game a whirl... now he was free to tap dance and dance, the main

LAWN BOWLS SWEEP DRAW

The draw of the Lawn Bowls Sweep for the League matches to be played this afternoon took place yesterday and resulted as follows:—

FIRST DIVISION

Recrelo "A" (215) v. K.B.G.C. "A" (150).

Recrelo "B" (497) v. C.C.C. (554). K.C.C. (583) v. P.R.C. (598). K.B.G.C. "B" (142) v. C.S.C.C. (452). K.D.R.C. (529) v. I.R.C. (494).

SECOND DIVISION

Talkoo (152) v. Recrelo (403). H.K.F.C. (560) v. H.K.C.C. (67). F.O.C. (182) v. K.T.G.C.A. (38). K.F.C. (307) v. K.C.C. (456). By:—C.C.C. (636).

THIRD DIVISION

H.K.E.R.C. (526) v. C.C.C. (439). K.B.G.C. (98) v. Recrelo (185). I.R.C. (518) v. K.F.C. (521). H.K.C.C. (380) v. H.K.F.C. (457). By:—Police (112).

K.F.C. RINKS

The Kowloon F. C. rinks for today's Lawn Bowls League match are as follows:—

G. Frost, B. Williams, W. Thomson, C. Dowman (skip); G. Cross, C. Woodcock, A. Macintyre, R. M. Ogden (skip); B. Thomson, Y. Abbas, C. H. Fuller, T. Ferguson (skip).

ELECTRIC RINKS

The Hongkong Electric R. C. rinks are as follows:—

R. W. Smith, A. G. Everett, W. E. Macfarlane, J. F. Lunny (skip); J. R. Way, C. E. Gahagan, A. G. Gardner, L. de Rome (skip); W. Stoker, E. L. Groome, J. F. Barron, A. F. Paul (skip).

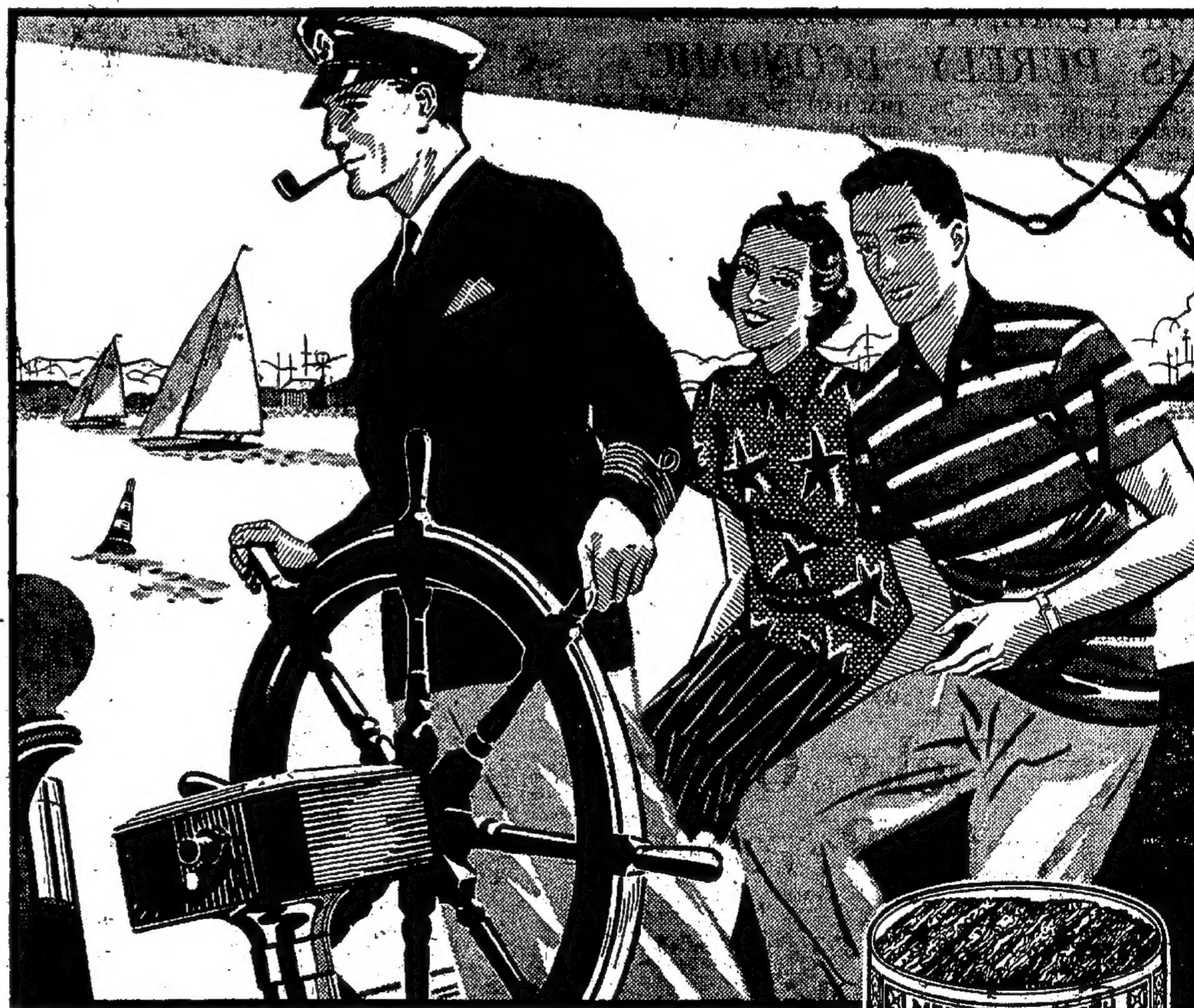
WATER-POLO

Middlesex "A" proved too strong for Middlesex "C" when they met in the Y. M. C. A. pool yesterday in the European Y. M. C. A. Invitation water-polo tournament. Hymas scored three goals, and Jennings and Blundon one each, for the winners. There was no reply from Middlesex "C".

things he liked to do for recreation.

Gainesford didn't forget the boy. He had seen something, and a year later he went and found Ray and took him around to different clubs in town showing him the important things a boxer

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COMING EVENTS

AUG.
2-Tides: High 5.25 a.m. and 6.47 p.m. Low 12.47 a.m. and 11.21 p.m.
Lecture: St. John's Cathedral, Dr. T. C. Chao on "Some Reflections on Chinese Thought and the Christian Faith," 9 p.m.
China Defence League "Bowl of Rice" Campaign Luncheon.
Lawn Bowls League, 3 p.m.
H.K. Baseball League, Chatham Rd. Chinese Volunteer Club Dinner.
Golden City Restaurant.
"Wu Te Chen" Cup Basketball, Chinese "Y", Waterloo Road, 7.30 p.m.
3-Tides: High 6.28 a.m. and 8.22 p.m. Low 1.57 a.m. and 12.33 p.m.
S.C.A.A. Swimming Gala, North Point, 7.30 p.m.
China Defence League "Bowl of Rice" Campaign Luncheon.
H.K. Baseball League, Chatham Rd. European Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, West Lounge, 9 p.m.
Christ Church Mandarin Congregation farewell party to Bishop Hall, T. K. Chin and Rev. Rosenthal, 11.30 a.m.; Tennis match and Bridge contest in the afternoon.
Test Mobilisation of A.P.S., 9 a.m.
4-Tides: High 7.29 a.m. and 9.30 p.m. Low 2.53 p.m.
Bank Holiday.
Entries Close for V.R.C. Swimming Gala for Schools.
"Wappingshaw" Bowls at K.C.C.
St. Andrew's (Medical) War Work, 10 a.m.
5-Tides: High 8.25 a.m. and 10.23 p.m. Low 3.24 a.m. and 5.37 p.m.
V.R.C. Gala for Schools, final meeting of Committee, 8 p.m.
H.K. Rotary Club Tiffin, H.K. Hotel, 1 p.m.
Meeting of Little Flower Club, King's Park, 6 p.m.
6-Tides: High 9.18 a.m. and 11.04 p.m. Low 3.27 a.m. and 4.18 p.m.
St. Andrew's Fellowship Social, 2.30 p.m.
7-Tides: High 10.06 a.m. and 11.39 p.m. Low 3.16 a.m. and 4.53 p.m.
Legislative Council Meeting, Council Chambers.
St. Andrew's (Medical) War Work, 10 a.m.
St. Andrew's Club Moonlight Bathing Picnic, 8.30 p.m.
8-Tides: High 10.47 a.m. and 12.14 p.m. Low 3.59 a.m. and 5.28 p.m.
St. Andrew's Church War-time Intercession Service, 6.30 p.m.
St. Andrew's Club Moonlight Bathing Picnic, 8.30 p.m.
9-Tides: High 11.29 a.m. and 12.47 p.m. Low 4.44 a.m. and 5.59 p.m.
Triangular Swimming Gala in Aid of Chinese Medical Relief Fund, C.B.C., North Point, 7.15 p.m.
10-Tides: High 12.07 a.m. Low 5.27 a.m. and 6.34 p.m.
Memorial Service for late Mr. Lofel Feh-hung, Confucius Hall.
11-Tides: High 1.20 a.m. and 12.45 p.m. Low 6.11 a.m. and 7.06 p.m.
12-Tides: High 1.52 a.m. and 1.15 p.m. Low 6.55 a.m. and 7.36 p.m.
H.K. Rotary Club Tiffin, H.K. Hotel, 1 p.m.

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RELAY TO BRITISH FORCES IN THE FAR EAST

Max Miller

12.5 p.m. A Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 A.C. Templeton (Piano), Kea Harvey (Banjo) & A Howly (Vocal).

Melodies of Yesterday—Intro: No body's Sweetheart; Whispering; Avalon; Margie; China Town; I'll See You In My Dreams; Indiana; Somebody Stole My Gal. On A Southern Plantation—Intro: Old Black Joe; Oh! Suzanna; My Old Kentucky Home; Dixie; Swanee River; Waiting For The Robert E. Lee—Ken Harvey with piano, Sousa and Strauss In Reverse; Bach Tour Radio City (Templeton)—Alex. Templeton, I'm Stepping Out With A Memory To-night (Magdison-Wruble); I Haven't Time To Be A Millionaire (Burke—Monaco); Turn Your Money In Your Pocket (Brown); I'll Never Smile Again (Lowe); We'll Go Smiling Along (Parr-Davies)—A Bowlly and Jimmy Mesene with two guitars.

Musical Journey From New York To California—Intro: Give My Regards To Broadway; Bye, Bye Blues; St. Louis Blues; California, Here I Come—Ken Harvey with Instr. Quartet.

Mendelssohn Nows 'Em Down; Phonograph Record Player Rains & Carmen Lombardo (Templeton)—Alex. Templeton.

100 Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 The Boston Promenade Orchestra and Paul Robeson (Bass).

Entry Of The Boyard—March (Halsvorsen); Jealousy—Tango Trizgane (Jacob Gade)—Boston Promenade Orchestra. Mighty Lak' A Rose (Nevin); Mr. Curly Headed Baby (Clutsum)—Paul Robeson. Marche Militaire (Schubert), Orchestrated by E. Guiraud)—Boston Promenade Orchestra. Song of Freedom (From the film—Eric Ansell)—Paul Robeson w. Chorus and Orchestra. Entrance of the Little Fauna (Pleme); Mosquito Dance (White); Thunder And Lightning—Polka (Johanna Strauss)—Boston Promenade Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 The Six Swingers.

Frankie And Johnny—Fox-Trot (Jimmie Rodgers). Yodel In Swing—

Fox-Trot (Ray and Prince); In The Mood—Fox-Trot (Razat & Garland).

1.55 Max Miller with the Forces (Somewhere In England).

A New Kind of Old Fashioned Girl; The Cheeky Chapple (Picks from the White Book and the Blue Book); The Cheeky Chapple (Goes on Picking 'Em). Is There No End To His Cleverness? (He Now Recites); What Ju-Ju wants; Ju-Ju Must Have; Stringing Along With You. Sitting In The Old Arm Chair; The Hiking Song (All Good Things Come to An End).

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 Indian Programme.

6.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 Weber—Fantasia on Melodie of Johann Strauss.

Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

7.15 A Light Orchestral Concert w. George Thill (Tenor) and Lily Pons (Soprano).

Fairy Tale (Hickens, arr. S. Poulkes); In The Shadows (Finck)—Tom Jones and his Orchestra. Sappho—A. De Jean (Massenet); L'Atteque Du Moulin (Bruneau)—George Thill with Orchestra. Kiss—Serenade (De Michel)—Bernabaz Von Gezy and his Orchestra. Cupid Captive (Lelch Hunt-Frank LaForge); Estrellita (Little Star—M. Ponce)—Lily Pons with Orchestra. Der Kassee (De Groot)—De Groot and his Orchestra. Serenade Toscana—Melodie (Faure and Bussine)—George Thill with M. Faure (Piano). Song Of The Nightingale (Rudolf and Albout); The Second Serenade (J. Heykens)—Albert Sandler's Orch. I Dream Too Much; I'm The Echo (Both from film "I Dream Too Much"—Fields, Kern)—Lily Pons with Orchestra.

8.00 London—The News.

8.15 London—War Commentary.

8.25 London—Listening Post.

Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 London—Special Broadcast to Forces in The Far East.

9.00 Local Time Signal, Programme Summary, and Announcements.

9.02 Piano and Organ Duets by Pat Rossborough and Robinson Cleaver.

Poet and Peasant (Suppe); Zampa (Herold). Trees (Rachinsk). Parlez-Moi D'Amour (Lenox). By The Waters Of Minne Tonka (Maurance). Introducing: Indian Love Call (Prinl).

9.20 Latest Film Selections.

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TYRONE POWER IN SCREEN EPIC

Tyrone Power has carried on the traditions of the "family of actors" in which he was born. Always an accomplished player, versatility has been the keynote of his meteoric screen career. From his first role in "Girls Dormitory" in 1935 he made sensational progress until today his "star" is firmly established in the Hollywood firmament.

When given the starring role in Darryl F. Zanuck's production of "Brigham Young," by Louis Bromfield, Power made the most of his opportunity to add another to his long list of memorable screen characterizations. It marked his fifteenth appearance in a stellar role.

In "Brigham Young," the 20th Century-Fox picture which comes tomorrow to the Majestic Theatre, Power is starred as Jonathan Kent, Mormon scout, Linda Darnell, and Dean Jagger as Brigham Young, head the fine featured cast.

The volume of fan mail following his appearance in "Girls Dormitory" put Power immediately into a top role. He played opposite Janet Gaynor in "Ladies In Love." After that came his famous part as Jonathan Blake in "Lloyds of London."

With his popularity mounting by leaps and bounds, Power was well on the way towards stardom. After "Lloyds of London" came three exceptionally fine films—"Love, Is News," "Gate Metropole," and "Thin Ice," with Sonja Henie.

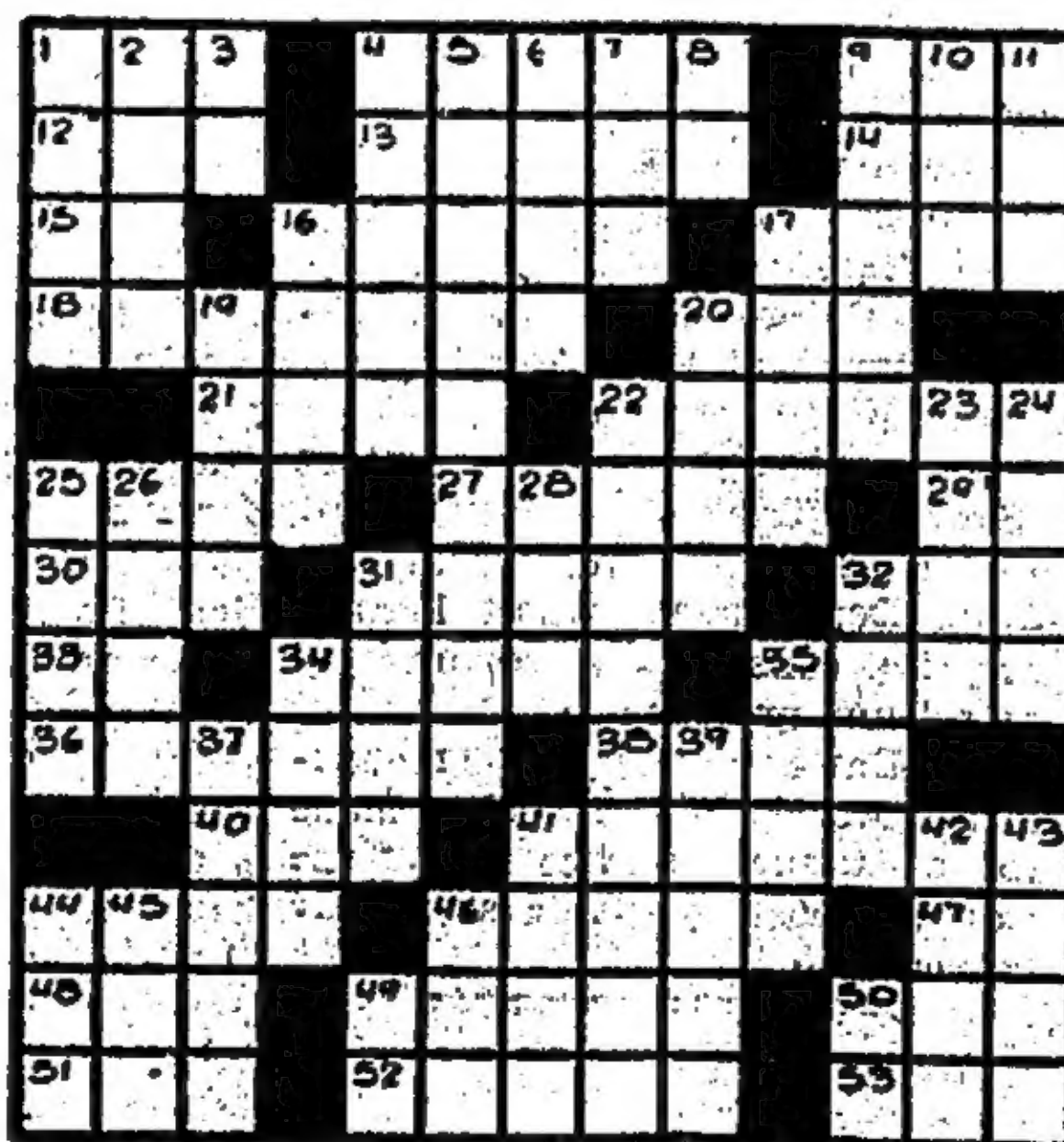
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- Past
- Volumes
- Wife of Adam
- Pronoun
- More lucid
- Contemptuous child
- Issue
- Afternoon collation
- A whirling noise
- Copied
- Part of leg
- Masculine name
- Barium symbol
- Possesses
- Monastery
- In honor of
- Birthplace of Abraham
- Auctions
- Emit vapor
- Place of worship
- Navigate
- Sloths
- Artificial barriers to be leaped in racing
- Char.
- Thick soup
- Move
- Unit of work
- Sign denoting omission
- Troop
- Confederate general
- Beating of an artery
- Peter Galt's mother
- DOWN
- Arrived



- Advanced in years
- Behold
- Stop
- Illustrious
- So be it
- Through
- Suffix to form plural
- Large block into which glacier ice breaks
- Humming bird
- Procure
- Shock
- Edib's seed
- Wading bird
- Jeweller's weight
- Bearings around edge of shield
- Negro from Berlin
- Dismal
- Close
- Swift-footed rodent

- President's nickname
- Trees of the terebinth family
- Cut down
- Whirl
- Be borne in a vehicle
- Margin (Poet)
- Acute and rugged crest
- Throw violently
- Defensive armor
- Irritating
- Babylonian god
- Substantive ending for nouns
- Town in France
- Court of Probate (Abbey)
- Musical note

SOLUTION ON MONDAY

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"YARD" INSPECTOR
After nearly 27 years' service in the Metropolitan Police, Chief Insp. Walter Bridger, senior member of Scotland Yard's "murder squad," is leaving to take up an important public security appointment in connection with manufacture of munitions.

Chief Insp. Bridger—Wally! to his host of friends—is a Londoner. During his service he has been commended over 80 times by judges at important trials, and complimented by the various commissioners of police under whom he has served.

TITANIC BATTLE FOR SMOLENSK EXPECTED TO BE DECIDED WITHIN NEXT WEEK OR TWO

No Important Developments Reported On Other Fronts

LONDON, Aug. 1 (Reuter).—The Battle of Smolensk is being waged on such a titanic scale that it cannot continue indefinitely and a decision can be expected within the next week or two.

This is the view taken in authoritative quarters here where it is pointed out that to a great extent the future course of the war in Russia will depend on the outcome of the Smolensk struggle.

It is almost impossible for either side to stabilise the front over such a vast area. Static warfare such as was known in the last war is scarcely feasible along a front of hundreds of miles. It is now a question of whether the Germans can deploy sufficient new troops and armoured forces to smash the Russian resistance or whether the Russians can hang on and counter-attack with such weight that they will win the battle by completely exhausting the Germans.

RUSSIANS ISOLATED
There are indications that German forces are operating east of Smolensk. It is quite possible, therefore, that there are Russians surrounded in this area though it does not necessarily follow that they are trapped. They may be fighting hard as self-contained units and the Russian counter-attacks now being launched may well be designed to free these troops.

There is no evidence in London that any large-scale preparations are being made on the Bulgarian Turkish frontier.

SOVIET COMMUNIQUE
MOSCOW, Aug. 1 (Reuter).—The mid-day communique states: "During Wednesday night our troops continued fighting the

ANGLO-FINNISH RELATIONS

Britain's Reply To "Aide Memoire"

LONDON, Aug. 1 (Reuter).—Britain's reply to the Finnish aide memoire intimating the suspension of the Finnish Legation's activities in London was handed to the Finnish Minister, M. Grippenberg, yesterday afternoon by Sir Alexander Cadogan, Permanent Under-Secretary at the British Foreign Office.

Respecting Finland's assumption that Britain shared Finland's view that it was hardly possible to maintain normal relations, the British reply recalls intimating as late as July 22 that it had been decided to maintain such relations notwithstanding Finland being engaged with Germany in hostilities against Russia and German troops operating from Finnish soil.

BLOCKADE
The action recently taken against Finnish trade with trans-oceanic countries was the result of those facts which created circumstances rendering it clearly impossible to allow goods to pass through the blockade to reach territory which must be considered largely under German control.

Since the action was not aimed against Finland, Britain did not consider that it need render normal diplomatic inter-course impossible.

If the Finnish Legation withdraws from London, it will follow that Britain will be compelled to withdraw her legation from Helsinki.

R.A.F. BOMB SEAPLANE BASE IN SARDINIA

CAIRO, Aug. 1 (Reuter).—The Italian aerodrome and seaplane base at Elmas, Sardinia, in the Central Mediterranean was attacked for the first time by R.A.F. machines on Wednesday.

Considerable destruction among enemy aircraft was caused, reports an R.A.F. Middle East communique. Five bombers and seaplanes were burned out and a number of others were heavily damaged.

R.A.F. planes sprayed the interiors of the hangars with their guns, riddling many planes with bullets.

The crew of a heavy gun which went into action were machine-gunned, all apparently being killed, while a Macchi fighter which attempted interception was driven off.

Out at sea an R.A.F. formation put two engines of a four-engine transport plane out of action and they last saw it plunging into the sea.

Tutuila Incident Is Closed

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1 (Reuter).—Mr. Sumner Welles stated last night that the United States has accepted the official apologies of the Japanese Government regarding the bombing of the gunboat Tutuila and the incident is regarded as closed.

NOT SUFFICIENT
WASHINGTON, Aug. 1 (Reuter).—Declaring that Japanese apologies for the bombing of the United States river gunboat Tutuila were insufficient to close the incident, Mr. Sumner Welles told pressmen yesterday that the United States Government awaits a more complete reply to representations made here and Tokyo.

Mr. Welles said that immediately upon being informed of the incident on Wednesday morning, a representative of the Japanese Government called at the United States Embassy in Tokyo and expressed deep regrets. This was done before the representations.

After Mr. J. Grew, American Ambassador to Tokyo, had duly carried out his instructions—colluding with identical representations made by Mr. Welles himself at Washington in conference with the Japanese Ambassador, Admiral Nomura, the Japanese Government made a further preliminary reply.

MILD SATISFACTION
Japan's apologies for the bombing of the gunboat Tutuila during a raid on Chungking have been received here with mild satisfaction. There is no immediate indication that the incident is thus closed.

DETAILS LACKING
TOKYO, Aug. 1 (Reuter).—Authorities here are believed to be doing their utmost to minimise the possible repercussions to the Tutuila incident to which the official American attitude is not clear.

Details are lacking at present.

Jap. Troop Withdrawals From China

CHUNGKING, Aug. 1 (Reuter).—According to reports reaching here, Japan originally planned to withdraw 400,000 troops from China for operations in the South Seas and in Manchuria.

Japan is probably withdrawing 100,000 troops at present and there are signs of withdrawals from Central China although definite figures cannot be obtained at present, said a Chinese spokesman yesterday afternoon.

Withdrawals from North China have already begun.

The spokesman said that these withdrawals, combined with the Japanese occupation of Indo-China, have resulted in little activity on the Sino-Japanese fronts outside the aerial bombings of Chungking.

MINISTER'S WARNING
TOKYO, Aug. 1 (Reuter).—Headquarters revealed that Japanese troops are continuing to go to Indo-China as the Finance Minister, Mr. Masatane Ogura warned the nation that failure of the China affair will mean disaster to Japan.

JAPANESE STEAMER ATTACHED

CAPE TOWN, Aug. 1 (Reuter).—The attachment on the Japanese steamer Manila Maru has been transferred to its sister-ship Belgium Maru, which arrived from Durban, but a supplementary writ of attachment granted on July 29 on behalf of a second group of merchants still applies to the Manila Maru.

The position thus is that both the Japanese ships are now attached though no objection is likely to be taken by the second applicants against the transfer of the writ to the Belgium Maru which is the ship in which they are directly interested.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1 (Reuter).—Japan has suspended merchant trade with the Republic of Panama since the United States stopped Japanese ships using the Panama Canal "because of repairs," according to the Commerce Department which says that the action is significant as this is the first time that Japan has ever suspended exports to any Latin American country.

AT CABINET MEETING



Cecil Madden with the BBC microphone visits Madame Tussaud's famous waxworks exhibition in London for the BBC's Short-wave programme "Radio Newsreel" and discusses the British Cabinet group with two soldiers. The models in the group are: Left to right (seated) The Rt. Hon. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty; The Rt. Hon. Sir Kingsley Wood, Chancellor of the Exchequer; The Rt. Hon. C. R. Attlee, Lord Privy Seal; The Rt. Hon. Anthony Eden, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs; The Rt. Hon. A. Greenwood, Minister without Portfolio; The Rt. Hon. Sir Archibald Sinclair, Secretary of State for Air. Left to right (standing) The Rt. Hon. Herbert Morrison, Home Secretary and Minister of Home Security; The Rt. Hon. Viscount Simon, Lord Chancellor; The Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill, Prime Minister and Minister of Defence; The Rt. Hon. Sir John Anderson, Lord President of the Council; The Rt. Hon. A. Duff Cooper, Minister of Information; The Rt. Hon. E. Bevin, Minister of Labour and National Service.

American Aid To Russia

Further Parleys In Washington, Moscow

LONDON, Aug. 1 (Reuter).—Further discussions regarding United States aid to the Soviet Union were held both in Washington and Moscow yesterday.

Reuter's Moscow correspondent cables that Mr. Harry Hopkins again saw M. Stalin yesterday evening after meeting M. Molotov in the afternoon.

Mr. Hopkins was entertained to lunch by the British Ambassador Sir Stafford Cripps. The American Ambassador Mr. Laurence Steinhardt was present.

In Washington, Soviet Ambassador M. Oumansky General Gorkov, head of the Soviet Purchasing Mission, and Colonel Repin, his assistant, visited President Roosevelt at the White House to discuss American aid to Russia.

TANKERS WANTED
WASHINGTON, Aug. 1 (Reuter).—Russia has asked America for the transfer of two United States tankers, newspapermen were told by Mr. Harold Ickes, Secretary of the Interior, yesterday.

AVIATION SPIRIT
WASHINGTON, Aug. 1 (Reuter).—Priority rating for the manufacture of 10,000 steel drums to be used for shipping aviation spirit and other petroleum products to Russia have been recommended by the Defence Petroleum Co-ordination Board to the Office of Production Management.

Mr. Ralph Davies, deputy Petroleum Co-ordinator, told newspapermen that the recommendation had followed conferences with representatives of the Amtorg (Soviet Trading Corporation) which had received from the State Department export licences covering considerable volumes of petroleum products.

Mr. Davies added that arrangements were likewise being made for a tanker service from the western coast to Russia as it may be required.

POLISH MINISTERS RESIGN

LONDON, Aug. 1 (Reuter).—The resignation of the Foreign Minister, M. Zaleski, and two other Polish Ministers was reported in Polish circles here last night.

It is not yet certain whether the resignations have been accepted by Gen. Sikorski who is actively endeavouring to find a solution to the situation which has arisen.

The identity of the other two Ministers is not known and it is very possible that they will be prevailed upon to change their minds. It is understood that an official Polish statement on the situation may be made shortly.

GERMAN AGENTS IN IRAN

GOVERNMENT ISSUES A STATEMENT

TEHERAN, Aug. 1 (Reuter).—Following reports that Nazi agents are active in Iran, the Government gave an assurance that it had taken the necessary steps to maintain peace and order.

An authoritative statement condemns alarmist rumours and says that the authors appear to be ignorant of conditions in Iran where law is strictly enforced on all persons without distinction.

Moreover, since the world crisis, the Government is determined to safeguard the nation's neutrality and has redoubled its vigilance. The statement continues: "Nobody can disobey the regulations. The acts of business, conduct and way of life of all foreigners are known to the Government, thus making it impossible for them to over-step lawful boundaries and indulge in forbidden activities. We know their number and their names. It is in fact possible to say that the figures that have appeared in this connexion are greatly exaggerated."

NAZI LEADERS ALARMED

Funds Transferred To Switzerland

LONDON, Aug. 1 (Reuter).—Nazi leaders, alarmed at recent anti-Nazi steps in South America, including the expulsion of the German Minister to Bolivia, have been transferring their funds to Switzerland, according to a well-informed source, says the Independent French Agency.

According to this source, a large number of high Nazi Party members, including Dr. Robert Ley, the Nazi Labour Front leader and a director of the "Volkischer Beobachter," have withdrawn their funds from South American banks during the past few days and have put them in Swiss banks.

One bank in Zurich is stated already to have received deposits to German accounts amounting to many millions of Swiss francs and the total is still increasing. It is added that Swiss circles believe that Switzerland was chosen in preference to other neutral countries because the German leaders think that Sweden may be threatened by Russia should the Red Army prove victorious in the present campaign.

WIDER POWERS FOR PRES. ROOSEVELT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1 (Reuter).—Wider powers for President Roosevelt were agreed to by the House of Representatives' Military Committee yesterday.

Adding two amendments to the previous version approved by the Senate, the Committee by 14 votes to four approved legislation authorising the President to seize military and naval equipment.

The President is also authorised to requisition supplies and munitions of machine tools and materials necessary for making such supplies and munitions.

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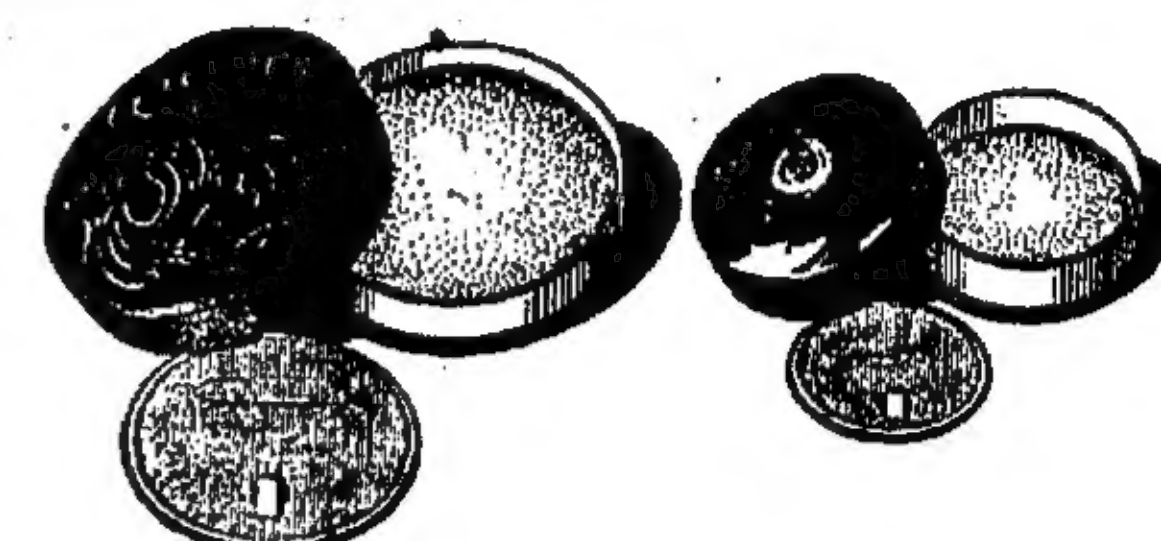
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ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

UNREGISTERED TEMPLE

Wu Chau was fined \$10 or 14 days by Mr Lowry yesterday for keeping an unregistered temple at No. 15 Staunton Street.

Detective Inspector Moreton, prosecuting, stated that on July 27, about 11 a.m. as a result of information received, a woman in former was sent to the above address to make investigations. She found defendant in a rear cubicle and approached him as a customer.

His Worship also cautioned defendant for fortune telling.

ALLEGED RAPE

Hearing was fixed for Aug. 15 and Aug. 16 by Mr Lowry yesterday in the case in which two members of the Royal Army Medical Corps, Herbert, Edward Mayhew and Joseph James Toms, are charged with the alleged rape of a girl named Chan Hoi on the hillside above Bowen Road, near Gap Road, on July 23.

Mayhew was charged with raping and Toms with aiding and abetting in the alleged crime.

Det-Insp J. O'Donovan is in charge of the case.

HEARING FIXED

Further hearing in the case in which Law Man-sang, 28, is charged with attempted larceny by trick, of \$10 from Yip Chan-sung on June 10 was fixed by Mr Lowry to Aug. 15.

It was stated that accused on June 10 about 9.30 p.m. went to No. 2 Chui Lung Street, second floor, an escort bureau, and demanded \$10 from the complainant, saying that he was collecting money for Det-Sgt No. 222, Chan, To.

Det-Sgt W. Summers prosecuted while Mr. M. A. da Silva is appearing for accused.

TRAFFIC SUMMONSES

Chan Yak, of No. 234, Des Voeux Road, Central, was cautioned by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K. C. yesterday when he was summoned for driving car No. 5159 along Calne Road, property of Fung Kim-sang, without due care and caution.

Lo Shuet-ngau, of No. 271 Prince Edward Road, ground floor, was fined \$30 for a similar offence.

Yu Chik-sam, of No. 177 Jaffe Road, was fined \$15 when he was summoned for driving car No. 2543 on Island Road near Stanley Village at 5.45 p.m. on July 4, without a valid licence.

Poon Chi-shau, of No. 38, Yiu Wah Street, was also fined \$10 for allowing the former to drive without a licence.

Pt. P. S. Davies, R. A. of Lyceum Barracks, was fined \$10 when he pleaded guilty to a summons against him for driving car No. 4393, without a valid licence, along Gloucester Road, on June 14.

SOUNDING HORNS

Five persons appeared before Mr. Sheldon yesterday when they were summoned for unnecessarily sounding their car horns on July 2.

The defendants were To Kow, No. 7 Hill Road, Ko Kan, of No. 424A Des Voeux Road, West, Fung Wing-hong, of No. 26 Pottinger Street, who were cautioned; J. L. Chong of No. 25 Gage Street was fined \$6.

The summons against Yau Li-shum, of No. 36 Village Road, was remanded for one week.

KNOCKED DOWN CHILD

Leong Ping, apprentice mechanic of the Berlin Co., No. 163, Queen's Road, East, appeared before Mr. Sheldon yesterday charged with driving car No. 3329 without a valid licence and also without the permission of the owner, Mr. Au Yeung Ho Man, of the Berlin Co., No. 163 Queen's Road, East.

Sgt. Paton stated that defendant knocked down a child causing a fractured skull.

Accused, who was on remand since the date of the accident, was sentenced to one day's simple imprisonment.

POLICE REPORTS

A total of 84 milling machine gear cutters, worth \$2,000, have been reported to the Police by Mr. H. Marriot, of the Kowloon Dock Police, stolen from the store room of the Engine Shop of the Docks.

The Hongkong China Gas Company has reported to the Police that two gas geysers, valued at \$100, had been stolen from No. 19 Chatham Road, a vacant house.

Mrs. Shaw, of the China Light and Power Co., reported that while driving a car along Nathan Road a Chinese woman was knocked down and received slight injuries.

AT KOWLOON

ARMS RAID SEQUEL

Li Shun-yau, married woman, Tang Kwong-lum, Tang Kwok-nam and Shum Tak-hee appeared before Mr. H. C. Macnamara yesterday charged with unlawful possession of arms and ammunition at No. 80, Portland Street, second floor, on July 14.

Third and fourth defendants were additionally charged with conspiracy to rob the occupants of No. 544, Shanghai Street, second floor.

Det-Insp. R. Cunningham, assisted by Det-Insp. A. E. Carey, prosecuted. Mr. C. Y. Kwan appeared for the first and second accused.

The Police offered no evidence against the second defendant and he was discharged. The charge of possession of arms and ammunition against the fourth accused was also withdrawn.

At 10 p.m. on July 14 a Police party, led by Det-Insp. Carey went to No. 80, Portland Street, second floor, where in the rear cubicle, a search of the premises was made and two revolvers, a hand grenade, five rounds of live ammunition, two butcher's knives and a small quantity of wire were found.

When charged, first defendant stated, "I was asleep in the afternoon. Tang Nam sent a fook and woke me up. Tang Nam then gave me a parcel and said 'Ah So, keep this parcel for me. I will return it later'."

Second accused said, "Shum Tak-kee and Ah Chung handed them to the woman and ask her to keep them for me."

Mr. Kwan submitted, after evidence, that the arms and ammunition were handed to the woman and that she was unaware of what the parcel contained.

Holding that although there were grave suspicions there was insufficient evidence to convict, his Worship discharged the first defendant.

Third accused, who had previously pleaded guilty to the conspiracy charge, was sentenced to 18 months' hard labour.

Fourth defendant was remanded for seven days.

TRAFFIC SUMMONSES

Tsui Lai, summoned before Mr. Macnamara for unlawfully smoking while his vehicle was in motion, was fined \$2.

Koo Ah-Kwai was fined \$15 for driving his car at over 20 m.p.h. in a controlled area at 3.55 p.m. on July 7.

Wong Hing was fined \$10 for carrying a person on his motorcycle when it had not a proper seat securely fixed to it behind the driver.

Fines totalling \$7 were imposed on Ng Kam, conductor of bus No. 829, when he pleaded guilty to permitting a person to stand on the step while the bus was in motion on Castle Peak Road, and for failing to wear his badge in a conspicuous position.

For driving without due care and caution on Castle Peak Road, near the 94-mile stone, Cheung Shek was fined \$5.

EXTORTION ALLEGED

Gurba Singh, P. C. B. 194, Gurnam Singh, P. C. B. 778 and Lachman Singh P. C. B. 36 were charged before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson with demanding from Chung Chiu of Shantung Street, the sum of \$15 on July 31, and were remanded 72 hours in gaol custody.

JUNK ROBBERY

So Tai, Shek Chi-fai, Li Leung-sang, Chui Kwan, Li Yuen, and Chan Kan were charged before Mr. Anderson with robbery by two or more.

The Yung, steersman of the Class IV boat 1331P said that on the morning of July 9 his boat sailed from Sai Chung with four men on board. Arriving at Fan Chan Chau another craft fired two shots and ordered his boat to pull alongside, and, after forcing the men into the hold took \$6 money and a piece of green canvas which witness identified.

Insp. George gave evidence of finding the alleged robbers' boat which he halted to pull alongside, but, on receiving no reply, he gave a burst of machine-gun fire after which he noticed that some things were dumped overboard.

All defendants, except the last, denied the charge.

The case was for commitment to the Sessions.

POSSESSION OF A WARD

Heung Kul, married woman, appeared before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson yesterday charged with failing to report the possession of a 0-

WHOLESALE PRICES IN THE COLONY

The Superintendent of Imports and Exports has released for publication the following tables of wholesale price index numbers in the Colony of Hongkong.

The index—which is unweighted—has been constructed from declarations furnished to the Statistical Branch of the Imports and Exports Department by importers.

There was a general average increase of 12.5 per cent. in the 2nd Quarter of 1941 as compared with the 1st Quarter of 1941; and of 23.7 per cent. as compared with the 2nd Quarter of 1940.

(Average for Year 1922-100)

HE STARTED THAT WAY

Norwegian patriots have been getting much amusement from passing around this anecdote:

It seems that puppet Quisling paid a visit to a mental hospital in Oslo and asked one of the patients if he knew who Norway's greatest men were.

"Of course there was Ibsen and Grieg, Bjornson and Nansen; all very good friends of mine, by the way."

"Yes, yes," said Quisling impatiently. "But don't you know who I am?"

"No, I don't."

"Well, I am Vidkun Quisling!"

"I never heard of him."

"What! I tell you I am Vidkun Quisling, the greatest Norwegian since King Harald the Fair-Haired!"

At this the inmate soothingly patted the puppet on the shoulder: "I sympathise with you, old man. That's how it began with me too."

year-old ward, Mak Lan alias Lau Tai-hel, on July 29.

Inspector H. W. Fraser, of the S.C.A., prosecuting, said that on July 29 a letter was received by the S.C.A. concerning the possession of the girl and alleged that the girl was being ill-treated. A lady inspector visited the house the following day and found the girl who was, went on Inspector Fraser, presented to defendant on or about Jan. 5 this year as an adopted daughter.

The girl was apparently treated as an adopted daughter and have expressed the wish to remain with defendant, who has been in Hongkong for the past four years.

Defendant pleaded ignorance of the local regulations and said that she only arrived in Hongkong from Tamshui recently. She was discharged with a caution.

STOLEN BED BOARDS

Convicted on the charge of stealing two bed boards from the footpath in front of No. 23, Portland Street, Kowloon, on Thursday, Chiu Fun was sentenced to one month's hard labour by Mr. Macnamara yesterday.

JUVENILE REMANDED

A 16-year-old Chinese boy was remanded to today when he appeared before Mr. Macnamara yesterday on the charge of having snatched a wrist-watch from Lau Chi, spinster, at 3.45 p.m. on Thursday, in Nathan Road.

REFUSED TO PAY FARE

Traffic Inspector Sykes, of the Kowloon-Canton Railways, appeared as complainant in the case in which Wong To-yu was charged with failing to pay the legal fare of 30 cents from Shatin to Yau-mat on July 30.

Mr. Sykes stated that defendant was found in possession of the return half of a second-class ticket which, he claimed, he had bought from one of the Railways' employees. He refused to pay the fare of 30 cents when asked to do so.

A fine of \$15, or 14 days hard labour, was imposed by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson.

KOWLOON DOCK THEFT

Chan Sum, unemployed was sentenced to four months' hard labour when he was convicted by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at the Kowloon Magistracy, on a charge of a larceny of a piece of iron, property of the Kowloon Docks. He was further charged with trespassing on a protected area without a permit.

When approached by a watchman accused dropped the piece of iron and ran but was caught after a chase.

Inspector Magwick prosecuted.

SOLD CONGEE

Liu Ming was fined \$2 when he pleaded guilty before Mr. Anderson to the charge of having exposed for sale congee and cakes near the Kowloon Godowns on Thursday.

Sanitary Inspector H. King, prosecuting, said that defendant was selling the congee and cakes on the pavement outside the Kowloon Godowns. On seeing him, S. I. King, approach defendant ran away.

	1941	1941	1940	1940
	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.
Foodstuffs	199.8	234.3	188.2	174.8
Textiles	148.5	167.5	144.4	144.0
Metals & Minerals	231.3	247.8	218.1	210.0
Miscellaneous	190.1	216.5	170.9	164.5
Gen. Average	192.4	216.5	180.4	173.3
(All Groups)				
FOODSTUFFS				
Beans	206.9	256.2	191.1	170.8
Beef	238.9	222.2	227.8	241.7
Eggs	200.0	200.0	200.0	170.4
Flour	161.3	217.2	146.9	143.5
(Wheat)				
Salt Fish	132.5	134.2	137.5	135.8
Fruit, Fresh	444.2	747.4	468.6	450.8
Lard	165.9	158.7	153.0	132.1
Milk	175.3	176.1	176.1	171.0
(Condensed)				
Mutton	234.8	259.1	177.3	187.1
Onions	184.5	212.7	137.1	131.5
Peanut Oil	162.8	172.1	158.5	163.6
Pork	262.5	284.2	279.2	222.1
Potatoes	215.7	245.6	156.6	137.2
Poultry	224.4	230.8	243.6	197.3
Rice	229.1	287.5	199.6	172.6
(Broken)				
Rice	197.8	228.6	199.0	157.6
(White)				
Sugar (Raw)	107.2	119.3	108.9	136.0
Vegetables	83.1	81.1	75.4	62.9
(Dried etc.)				
Vermicelli	169.3	219.3	142.2	137.8
TEXTILES				
Cotton Yarn	145.4	132.0	125.5	128.3
Cottons	117.4	139.1	107.2	103.3
(Dyed, Plain)				
Italians	126.8	92.0	74.6	72.1
(Dyed, Figured and Plain)				
Shirtings	72.8	70.0	70.7	67.2
(White 40 43 yds.)				
Hemp	132.6	122.2	141.1	133.3
(Manilla)				
Gunny Bags	391.1	395.5	337.8	378.4
Hessian Cloth	74.8	86.9	77.8	78.6
Silk Piece				
Goods	78.5	91.7	81.7	77.5
Silk Yarn	54.3	59.5	60.3	44.4
(Artificial)				
Blankets	201.3	259.0	206.9	198.0
(Wool & Union)				
Flannels	244.8	414.8	267.5	304.4
Suitings & Tweeds	142.7	146.8	181.4	142.8
(Woollen)				
Brass Sheets	205.0	289.9	192.7	208.4
Yellow Metal				
Sheathing	219.7	221.3	226.6	199.2
Coal	276.0	385.5	239.5	257.7
Iron & Steel				
Bars	310.8	334.0	293.3	286.4
Iron & Steel				
Nails	241.2	240.7	219.8	231.9
Iron & Steel				
Plates	337.3	375.6	331.2	320.1
Lead (Pig)	263.0	221.0	263.0	228.7
Kerosene	88.8	97.9	63.5	65.1
Oil Fuel	241.8	202.8	218.1	215.8
Lubricating				
Oil	125.6	128.4	111.9	117.0
Petrol	88.9	69.4	88.5	69.4
Tin	377.8	406.5	368.4	320.0
MISCELLANEOUS				
Cement	235.3	223.7	195.7	148.6
Charcoal	91.0	93.4	70.6	57.4
Feather	193.0	232.9	176.2	155.7
(Duck)				
Firewood	277.9	226.1	197.5	188.1
Hardwood	105.8	117.7	93.9	87.7
Hides (Cow)	263.1	266.0	383.5	283.4
Hides	304.5	321.9	290.9	306.7
(Buffalo)				
Leather	155.4	166.9	128.5	153.1
(Sole)				
Paper	110.3	123.9	92.4	88.5
(Chinese)				
Rattans	154.1	211.1	165.8	166.5
Saltpetre	179.4	225.4	207.0	212.1
Softwoods	212.4	225.7	166.2	170.3
Soda Ash	216.7	366.8	127.5	117.4
Sulphuric				
Acid	178.6	234.8	161.9	173.0
Sulphate of Ammonia	174.0	211.0	205.9	159.0

TEXTILES				
Cotton Yarn	145.4	132.0	125.5	128.3
Cottons	117.4	139.1	107.2	103.3
Dyed, Plain				
Italians	126.8	92.0	74.6	72.1
Dyed, Figured and Plain				
Printings	72.8	70.0	70.7	67.2
White 40 & 43 yds.				
Import	132.6	122.2	141.1	133.3
(Manilla)				
Many Bags	391.1	395.5	337.8	378.4
Flannel Cloth	74.8	86.9	77.8	78.6
Piece				
Goods	78.5	91.7	81.7	77.5
Yarn	54.3	59.5	60.3	44.4
(Artificial)				
Knitsocks	201.3	259.0	206.9	199.0
Wool & Union				
Knives	244.8	414.8	287.5	304.4
Knives & Pins				
Tweeds	142.7	146.8	181.4	142.8
(Woolen)				
METALS & MINERALS				
Aluminum Sheets	205.0	269.9	192.7	208.4
Low Metal				
Sheeting	219.7	221.3	228.6	199.2
	276.0	385.5	239.5	257.7
& Steel				
Bars	310.8	334.0	293.3	286.4
& Steel				
Nails	241.2	240.7	219.8	231.9
& Steel				
(Plates)	237.3	375.6	231.2	320.1
Sheet	363.0	221.0	263.0	228.7
Petroleum	88.8	97.9	63.5	65.1
Fuel	141.8	202.8	218.1	215.8
Sheeting				
Oil	125.6	128.4	111.9	117.0
Coal	88.9	69.4	68.5	69.4
	377.8	406.5	368.4	320.0
MISCELLANEOUS				
Alcohol	235.3	223.7	195.7	148.6
Concent	91.0	93.4	70.6	57.8
Other	193.0	232.9	178.2	155.7
(Sugar)				
Wood	277.9	226.1	197.5	188.1
Wood	105.8	117.7	93.9	87.7
(Cow)	263.1	266.0	283.5	283.4
	304.5	321.9	290.9	306.7
(Buffalo)				
Other	155.4	166.9	128.5	153.1
(Sole)				
Other	110.3	123.9	92.4	88.5
(Chinese)				
Beans	154.1	211.1	165.8	166.5
Petroleum	174.8	225.4	207.0	212.1
Wood	212.4	225.7	162.7	170.3
Ash	216.7	368.8	127.5	117.4
Whiskey				
Acid	178.6	234.8	161.9	173.0
(Sulfate of)				
Ammonia	174.0	211.0	205.9	159.0

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

BANK HOLIDAY.

In Accordance with Government Ordinance, THE EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on MONDAY, the 4th August, 1941. (The First Monday in August).

Hongkong, 30th July, 1941.

FOR SALE

Old iron and steel, dirty oil and old drums, old electric cable and firewood. Tender forms may be had on application to the Naval Store Officer, Royal Naval Yard, Hong Kong. Latest date for receipt of tenders noon on 7th August.

Only British subjects will be admitted into H.M. Naval Establishments to view these lots.

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Maison Abdulrahman bin Miran Merchant and Commission Agent Bunia, Belgian Congo, via Mombasa, invite samples from Dealers in all classes of cotton, silk and woollen goods for Ladies and Gentlemen and Natives, fancy goods, Leather Shoes and Canvas Shoes, Toilet Requisites. Send through Congobank Bunia or no value direct to us. We also export Ivores in big quantities.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that an Interim Dividend of £2.10/- per share, subject to deduction of Income Tax, has been declared for the HALF YEAR ending 30th June, 1941, at rate of 1/2.7/8 per Dollar.

THE DIVIDEND WILL BE PAYABLE on and after MONDAY, 11th August at the offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be closed from MONDAY, 28th July to SATURDAY, 9th August (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 15th July, 1941.

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an INTERIM DIVIDEND of FIFTY (50) cents per Share has been declared payable on MONDAY, 18th AUGUST next, on and after which date Dividend Warrants may be obtained upon application at the Registered Office of the Company, Canal Road East, Hongkong.

NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER of MEMBERS of the Company will be closed from MONDAY, 4th AUGUST, to MONDAY, 18th AUGUST, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary & Assistant Manager.

Hongkong, 25th July, 1941.

ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced between ERIC BURN, Singapore, son of late Mr E. J. BURN and Mrs. BURN of London, and SUZETTE, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. H. COMPTON, of Hongkong.

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ANOTHER PROMISE OF VICTORY

WHILE the excitement occasioned by Japan's move against Indo-China and the subsequent measures taken by Britain and the United States to emphasise their growing resentment to such conduct and their resolve to meet such aggression, with force if necessary, held a prominent place in the news last week, only passing attention was directed towards an event the significance of which has hardly been realised. This was the grant of a loan of \$425,000,000 by the United States to Great Britain. When this fresh demonstration of financial collaboration between these two great democracies is considered in conjunction with the passing of the Lease and Lend Bill, the flow of supplies and war material to Britain from across the Atlantic and the drastic action taken by the United States economically to make Japan realise the error of her ways, it shows to what an extent the American Government is prepared to amplify its general policy of helping Britain to win the war. The purpose for which this loan was granted to Britain is unprecedented in the world's financial history. In plain words, it means that having tools she needs to defeat Hitlerism, the United States has provided her with the money now to enable her to pay for those supplies which she purchased from the States prior to the lend and lease agreement.

THE IMPORTANCE of this new loan lies in the fact that it has obliterated the necessity of compelling Britain to sell her securities in America to pay for her early purchases when the war started. This really was the intention of the British Government and plans had almost been made for the mobilisation of British securities for this plan and the only reason that stopped the sale being completed was the adverse reaction such a step would have had on the value of British stocks on the New York market. The United States Government obviously did not wish to be held responsible for causing such a depression in British values and the present arrangement reached by this loan, which covers a period of fifteen years, will enable payment for these early orders to be completed without any undue pressure on Britain's economic stability. This is evidence of the American determination to see that Britain's financial position is maintained at a high level, not merely in her own interests, but in the interests of world economy. It proves more than that—it shows American faith in the British

CLOSELY GUARDED SECRET: LESSONS LEARNT FROM AIR FORCE ACCIDENTS

One of the most closely guarded secrets of the war is the figures relating to the number of aircraft lost as the result of accidents. MAJOR OLIVER STEWART, M.C., A.F.C., the well-known authority on aviation and a regular commentator on the war in the air, had some interesting things to say on this particular subject when he broadcast from London yesterday.

"The figures of accidents in the R.A.F. are kept a close secret, particularly because they are so important," said Major Stewart. "When a huge air force is in action, it has to be fed by innumerable stations and accidents must happen there.

A BIG ITEM

Then there are accidents which occur during the operational training and finally there will be accidents in squadrons and which have nothing to do with enemy action.

"Losses through accidents are always a big item, consequently though safety in training may not be vital in war or peace, it is still of importance and in the R.A.F. big efforts are made to keep down the accident figures. That is why our training is being criticised as being late, but if accidents go up with a rush it is serious to the air force.

"In the east now there is a struggle going on between two of the largest air forces in the world—the Russians and the Germans. The Russians claim that they have destroyed several thousands of German planes. The consequence of this must be a demand for an acceleration of German crew training.

RUSH TRAINING

"We have, however, little information about this. There was once a report that the accident rate was very high amongst the Germans, but there has been no confirmation of this. In Russia too if there is a speed-up in training, there must be accidents. Training cannot be rushed without accidents.

"In 1914-18, we had a big accident rate. We might have to

and allied ability to triumph and is, in short, another promise of victory for the forces of right.

TRUE TO FORM

THE GERMANS are certainly running true to form. A Reuter message from Zurich yesterday announced that the German-controlled Paris press has now turned on a violent campaign against Admiral Darlan and the Vichy Government for adopting what is described as a wait and see policy over Herr Hitler's adventure in Russia. By a form of reasoning which only the Nazis seem capable of understanding, this policy is considered in Berlin to conceal the Vichy Government's desire to see Germany defeated by Russia. Earlier reports during the week made mention of agitation in Nazi political circles for a reshuffle of the Vichy Cabinet, indicating that Herr Hitler, having obtained all that Admiral Darlan and his puppets could give him, sees no further use for the French traitor and is contriving to give Mr Laval a chance of carrying on where Admiral Darlan has left off. This development is interesting because it recalls to mind the case of the Irishman, Sir Roger Casement, in the last war. Roger Casement was at one time British Consul in Lorraine Marques and in receipt of a pension from the British Government. He turned traitor to Britain, went to Germany and led what was known as the Irish Brigade. The Germans soon tired of him and landed him on the Irish coast where he was taken into custody by the British, tried and shot at the Tower. Admiral Darlan may yet find himself handed over by his German masters to the fury of a Paris mob.

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT

"Another thing that affects the accident rate is the type of aircraft used. Sometimes it happens that a bad machine has been chosen for training and immediately up go the accidents. If the operational machines are bad the accidents must go up. It must be recorded therefore, that all the air force machines used today are sound."

Major Stewart referred to the different types of planes used for training. He said that though the Spitfire was the latest machine to be standardised it was fairly safe. The Tornado was also used in spite of its high speed. The handling qualities of these machines were of first class importance in the matter of accidents.

"If a squadron has a large number of accidents," went on Major Stewart, "it depresses the men far more than a run of heavy casualties through enemy action. A squadron suffering from casualties through enemy action feels stimulated, provided its losses are justified. But losses through accidents seem so futile that they react badly on pilots.

"The R.A.F. has been having more accidents in the past because it has been hitting harder and more frequently at the enemy. Meanwhile, the accident rate, considering the conditions of this war, has kept very low indeed.

LESSONS OF ACCIDENTS

"As I said before, the figures of accidents are kept secret, but one can say that, considering the circumstances under which the R.A.F. has been working, they are good.

"These accidents," continued Major Stewart, "are an indication of what an aeroplane can do. While the R.A.F. officers suggest that the air force can get knocked about, they also show that they can manage to get back home.

"Sometimes the ground staff learn from accidents. They learn to give the pilots more help and then traffic control at a big air base is another serious problem. But in the various provisions that are being made to prevent accidents, knowledge is being tabulated which will be useful later on in time of peace and to help to reduce the accident rates on big air liners.

"The manner in which the war is going suggests that such accident rates to our own and the enemy air forces must have a profound effect on the course of the conflict. We have reports from Russia which say that the Germans have had to speed up their training beyond all limits of the past.

GERMAN TRAINING

"Even if the Germans have speeded up their training it may not be because they are losing heavily, but because they want to build up reserves for some future assault. On our side, our training is proceeding at a normal rate.

"Our guess is, therefore, that the Germans are losing more heavily through accidents than we are. If Russia and ourselves can increase pressure on the Germans still further, we may be putting up their accident rate still further.

"Some people believe that in war the R.A.F. pays little attention to accidents. That belief comes about because these figures are kept secret. Really the accident rate right from the elementary school to the flying squadron is kept down to the lowest possible figure. Conserving men and machines is just as important as adding to their numbers," concluded Major Stewart.

CURRENT COST OF LIVING

The following were the prices ruling in the market yesterday (Friday):—

MEAT	
Beef	74 cts. per lb.
Pork	90 cts. per lb.
POULTRY	
Chicken	\$2.20 per catty
Capon	1.60
Duck	90
Geese	1.00
Pigeon	85 each
VEGETABLES	
Potatoes	12 per lb.
Onions	07
Carrots	18
Tomatoes	28
Cabbage	28
String beans	36
Spinach	10
Cucumber	20
Turnips	36
Melon	10
Lettuce	25
FRUITS	
Apples, green	70
Apples, red	68
Oranges	\$2.60 per doz.
Pineapple	18 per lb.
Bananas	20
Limes	30
Lemon	18 each

CORRESPONDENCE

ANSWERS

For Better Report.—The points raised in your letter are receiving the attention of our reporter.—Ed.
H. K. D. P.

Two Weddings At Registry

The following marriages took place at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday with Mr. J. Reynolds, Deputy Registrar, officiating:—

Mr. Ma Yuk, shroff, of No. 6 Catchick Street, and Miss Lum Loo-hoon, of No. 21 Ngan Mok Street, ground floor;

Mr. Lam Wing-nin, teacher, of No. 48 Kiling Street, Shamshuipo, and Miss Chan Sul-foon, of No. 32 Apilu Street, Shamshuipo.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following forthcoming marriages were announced:—

Mr. Paul August Crestejo, Inspector, Dairy Farm Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd., of No. 57 Garden Street, top floor, and Miss Marie Stella Cordero, of No. 22 Tang Lung Street, first floor.

Mr. Lan Pak-kong, student, of No. 25 Jervois Street, and Miss So May-shun, of No. 148 Burd Street.

SUMMARY COURT CLAIM BY HOTEL

The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, were the plaintiffs in an action claiming the sum of \$137.90 at the Summary Court before Mr. Justice P. E. F. Cressall yesterday.

The defendant was A. E. Bowen, of No. 63A Wongnelong Road, first floor, who was represented by Mr. H. A. de Barros Botelho.

Plaintiffs were represented by Mr. Y. K. Kaan.

Mr. Botelho asked for a week's adjournment to settle the affairs of defendant. He said that as far as he knew there was no defence in the case.

The adjournment was granted.

NEW TIMES FOR CINEMAS

As from yesterday, the times of screenings at the Queen's, King's, Alhambra, Star and Majestic Theatres were altered to 2.30, 5.30, 7.45 and 9.45 p.m.

The Oriental and Cathay Theatres in Wanchai will, as from tomorrow, have performances at 2.30, 5.30, 7.30 and 9.30 p.m. instead of 2.30, 5.15, 7.20 and 9.30 p.m.

The Lee Theatre will also alter its schedule in the very near future.

LYSOL POISONING

A 28-year-old Chinese woman, Wong Sze, was found lying in Room No. 202, Stag Hotel, Queen's Road Central at 5.10 p.m., yesterday suffering from the effects of lysol poison, allegedly self-administered, in an attempt to commit suicide.

She was removed to Queen Mary Hospital and her condition was described as being good.

PROUD TRADITION OF CHINESE SAPPERS

Governor Proposes Toast At Jubilee Dinner

HOLD ADMIRABLY CLEAN RECORD

"DURING THEIR 50 YEARS OF LIFE THE CHINESE SAPPERS HAVE BUILT UP A TRADITION OF WHICH THEY AND ALL WHO SERVE WITH THEM MAY BE JUSTLY PROUD. In many an emergency, such as confrontations sappers from time to time, they have shown their worth and they hold an admirably clean record in the unsung routine of fortress life.

"WE ARE TRULY PROUD OF THEIR VIGOUR AND OF THE FINE REPUTATION WHICH THEY HAVE EARNED FOR THEMSELVES. In asking you all tonight to drink to the health and success of the Chinese Section I do so in the confident belief that in the years to come they will prove themselves worthy of those who have gone before them."

His Excellency the Governor, SIR GEOFFREY NORTHGOTE, K.C.M.G., spoke thus when he proposed the health of the Chinese Section of the 22nd and 40th Fortress Companies, R.E., at the dinner held at WELLINGTON BARRACKS last night to mark the GOLDEN JUBILEE of the first enlistment of a CHINESE SAPPER in the CORPS OF ROYAL ENGINEERS.

Among those present at the dinner were His Excellency the General Officer Commanding, Major-General C. M. Maitby, M.C., the Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith), the Secretary for Chinese Affairs (Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North), the Chief Engineer, China Command (Colonel E. H. M. Clifford, R.E.), the Commander, Royal Artillery (Brigadier T. McLeod), Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam, Hon. Mr. Li Tse-fong, Dr. C. T. Wang, Mr. Fung Tse-ying and many other guests.

The Chief Engineer, Col. Clifford, proposed the Toast of H.M. the King.

Col. Clifford then read the telegrams exchanged between the Royal Engineers in Hongkong and the Royal Engineers in the United Kingdom on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of the Chinese Sappers.

U.K. TELEGRAM

The telegram from the United Kingdom stated:—"On the occasion of the 50th anniversary on August 1 of the first enlistment of Chinese Sappers into the Corps of Royal Engineers in the United Kingdom send their congratulations and greetings to the Chinese personnel of Royal Engineers units in Hongkong."

The telegram to Home Headquarters stated:—"On this occasion of the Jubilee of the enlistment of the first Chinese Sapper in the Corps of Royal Engineers, we request that expressions of loyalty and humble duty may be conveyed to His Majesty our Colonel in Chief from all Chinese ranks."

His Excellency the Governor then proposed the health of the Chinese Section of the Royal Engineers.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR

In proposing the Toast, His Excellency said:

It is with a real sense of privilege that I stand here tonight as your guest proposing the health of the Chinese Section of the Royal Engineers on their Jubilee night.

This morning I had the honour of inspecting the two companies and I was greatly impressed by their appearance of soldierly efficiency as well as by their steadiness and smartness. They were obviously proud of themselves and their history, as they have every right to be. I am very glad to have this opportunity of saying that in their hearing.

The occasion of this Jubilee has caused me to look a little way into the history of the Section and I was interested to find how closely its growth and development had followed the evolutionary process disclosed to us by Professor Darwin and others.

They showed; you will remember, that our forebears were swimming about in the salt waters before ever they crawled about on land. Well! It appears that once upon a time the Royal Engineers included among their duties that of submarine mining and a submarine mining detachment was sent to Hongkong sixty-three years ago.

MARITIME DUTIES

To add them in these maritime duties they soon took to the water some Chinese civilian hands, who proved to be so valuable that thirteen years later, fifty years ago this year, one Cheong Sze was created 'sapper'. With rocket-like promotion this first member of the

Chinese Section became on the same day Baylida-Major and forty-nine other Chinese 'sapper' were enlisted immediately upon that phenomenon. They formed one half of the Hongkong Company of Royal Engineers, the other half being British, which for the next fourteen years carried on more or less as before.

Gradually, however, they took on more duties ashore and in 1905 they handed over submarine mining work to the Royal Navy, becoming land-animals so to speak. You will observe now the parallel with Darwinian theory! You may also be reminded of Kipling's lines:—

"When the Waters were dried
and the Earth did appear
The Lord he created the Engineer."

His Majesty's Royal Engineer.

With the rank and pay of a Sapper.

Next came the war of 1914-1918 when the Chinese Sappers were employed principally on the maintenance of the defence lights equipment. It is a tribute to their ability, though possibly due to other causes as well, that when the war was over the Section, unlike almost every other component part of the British army, increased instead of diminishing in numbers.

DEFENCES MODERNISED

This was as well, as in the 'thirties Hongkong began to modernise her defences and the existence of a strong and efficient nucleus of skilled men was a great advantage to the Colony. The Second Fortress Company was formed in 1934 for anti-aircraft search-light duties and year by year from that time onwards the numbers of Chinese Sappers have increased steadily.

I am glad to learn from Colonel Clifford that there has never been any lack of recruits. There are ten candidates for every vacancy and a lengthy waiting list. Nothing could speak better for the morale of the Company than facts of that kind.

It is no surprise to those who know anything of Chinese history or the Chinese themselves that this aptitude for sapper work has been displayed by the Chinese section. Whether one regards that astonishing defence work, the Great Wall of China or, on the other hand, looks at the wonders which two or three Chinese can work with two or three bamboos, one cannot but realise that the Chinese are born engineers.

LAUDABLE TRAINING

For men of such natural abilities there is no more valuable training than that which the Royal Engineers can give, when one thinks of the variety of trades which are represented in the Corps once again Kipling comes to mind "We are the men who do something all round" and he never spoke a truer word.

I have no personal knowledge of what has happened to time expired men of the Section, but I have no doubt that in a great majority of cases they have put to good use the training which they received within its ranks. I dare say, also, that some of them today were looking on at what they would regard as the 'new entry' with happiness and pride.

EXCELLENT RECORD

Not many, if any, of us in this room will be present when fifty years hence the Chinese Section celebrates its first centenary, but there can be no question that the excellent record of its first fifty years will be equalled if not surpassed by that of the next fifty.

I most warmly congratulate the Chinese Section on reaching this mature and distinguished age. In human experience fifty years is the most of a lifetime; but for a corporate body, such as we honour tonight, that span of time means

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ROBIN DUFF ON

BATTLE OF BRITAIN AND UNSHAKEABLE SPIRIT OF PEOPLE

"After the first few nights I knew that even if this went on night after night for years nothing could break the spirit of the people," said MR. ROBIN DUFF, a member of the B.B.C. Staff, when he broadcast from London on Thursday night in the series "War Correspondent." He was speaking of the Battle of Britain last autumn when, in his own words, "at any time even London might have crashed."

Orthopaedic Appeal

Donations Received To Date

The Sponsors of the Appeal for H. K. \$200,000 for the establishment of an Orthopaedic Centre in each war area gratefully acknowledge donations given up to July 31, 1941.

A total of \$47,628.08 has been received by the Hon. Mr. M. K. L. Honourary Secretary of the British Relief Fund for Distress in South China, Alexandra Building. A further sum of \$35,000 has been promised making the total \$82,628.08. W. H. Lock, Esq. \$100; R. John nessen, Esq. \$100; F. C. Hall, Esq. \$250; Far East Oxygen and Acetylene Co. Ltd. \$25; Dr. Li Shu Fan \$500; P. K. Kwok Esq. \$50; Lee Hong Kock, Esq. \$100; Mrs. Li Au Shi \$225; John Manpers and Co. Ltd. \$250; G. Thomerson, Esq. \$5; Mrs. Horace Lo \$50; Messrs. Shewan Tomes and Co. Ltd. \$100; Dr. M. T. Z. Tyau \$10; Wong Kwok Leung, Esq. (N. C. \$200. @ex810) \$278; Dr. and Mrs. Li Shu Pui \$100; Hon. Sir Shouson Chow \$200; Li Po Kwai, Esq. \$500; Anonymous \$200; Miss Li Wai Ming \$50; Dr. S. S. Ramler \$30; Anonymous \$50; Dr. A. Graham-Cunningham \$10; W. A. Stewart, Esq. \$50; Dr. S. N. Chau \$50; Dr. and Mrs. T. Z. Bau \$30. Total, \$47,628.08.

B. W. O. F. REMITTANCES
The following remittances to England have been made by the B. W. O. F.:

\$600 to the British Red Cross England for the purchase of 2 light Ambulances; £200 to King George's Fund for Sailors; £188.84 to St. Dunstons for Blindfold Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen, £39.84 being 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th monthly donation from the Kowloon Dock Recreation Club specially earmarked for St. Dunstons. Total Remittances to date amount to £35,939.127.

GIFTS IN KIND
Twenty-five cases have been shipped to England as under:
6 Cases—Hospital Supplies to the British Red Cross; 10 Cases—Old Clothes to the British Red Cross; 2 Cases—Woollen Comforts to the British Red Cross; 3 Cases—Woollen Comforts to the R. A. F. Depot; 2 Cases—Woollen Comforts to the Royal Navy Depot; 1 Case—Woollen Comforts to the Army Depot; 1 Case—Woollen Comforts to the Auxiliary Territorial Service.

The B. W. O. F. are very much indebted to Messrs. Butterfield and Swire for their kindness in carrying the goods free of freight and also to Messrs. Wang Kee and Co., stevedores, for transporting the goods to the steamer free of charge.

REFUGEE AND SOCIAL WELFARE COUNCIL

The following donations have been received by the H. K. Refugee and Social Welfare Council for the month of July:

Mrs. Jan Con Sang \$80; Staff of St. Stephen's Girls College \$90; Miss K. K. Lee \$1; Australian friends c/o Mrs. Mok 108.15; Mrs. Y. H. Poon 23.60; Mrs. L. W. H. Poon 20; Rotary Club of Hongkong 400; Sympathiser c/o S. C. M. Post (4 weekly donations) 40; Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Irane (in memory of Mrs. B. R. Contes) 11; Dr. Pan Tsoh Chen 50; Miss Freni Rutonjee 20; Foreign Auxiliary (Contribution towards office salary) 37.50.

DONATIONS IN KIND
200 pieces of firewood, Sandakan Chamber of Commerce; Freightage on firewood, Messrs. Jardine Matheson.

Kathleen Jenkins, daughter of the Rev. P. Jenkins, for many years in charge of the C. M. S. Hostel at the Canton Union Theological College, is a member of the Queen Alexandra's Military Nursing Reserve now with the forces in Singapore.

It was the front line all right, said Mr. Duff. But it was not the army's battle. It was everybody's fight. The army manned the A.A. guns; the Royal Navy and the Merchant Navy went on with their job in the Channel and there was constant attack from the air.

"The people who impressed me most were the civilians," said Mr. Duff. "At Dover I saw for the first time the civil population in action. The people could still laugh and joke when the Luftwaffe came over. It was not very brilliant humour, maybe, but there was a great spirit."

BRAVE FIREMEN

"I shall never forget the firemen who went on board a blazing ship, heavily laden with munitions. The fire must be put out," they told the police when warned of the danger of going on board. Not a few of them lost their lives that day."

From Dover, said Mr. Duff, he went to London. He would never forget September 7, 1940, but the real battle of London had started a few days before. The sky was filled with bombers. The whole city seemed to be alight. Oil bombs and explosives rained down on the fires that were already blazing. This went on night after night.

"I wanted to see this loathsome thing from every point of view," he said. "I spent 96 hours with a rescue squad. We worked all through one long, sunny afternoon and the most we brought out was the arm of a small child."

He spent nights that seemed like years in damp shelters. But nothing would make the people move from London. They played cards; little children played together; old people talked sadly and seriously.

FOR 56 NIGHTS

"Once," added Mr. Duff, "when I left one of these shelters I went back two hours later: a hundred of the people were dead. On other nights I stood at searchlight posts and with A.A. guns. I believed that the war could have been lost during that first long attack on London. For 56 nights we were pounded from the air. By day, people did their work some carrying out their daily round of shopping and housework. At night they took what sleep they could. The civil defence workers had hardly a break."

The war, concluded Mr. Duff, had brought out among the people an innate sense of humour which showed itself best when things were at their worst, and a new friendliness.

"Before the war, we were not very friendly to the people we did not know over here," he said. "As a Cockney woman very rightly put it to a gentleman on a bus, 'Has it taken a war for you to say good morning to me?'"

DER FUEHRER'S OCTOBER TRIP

Prophet Paulo of Peking says that Hitler is going to take a trip in October, 1941. This trip will land him in Chile, South America.

Paulo does not reveal the precise circumstances of the trip, but he definitely rules out the possibility of Der Fuehrer going there in the high boots and mountain hat of a Bavarian tourist to apply for a job as a Fifth Columnist in a Chilean munitions factory.

Hitler, he says, is going to flee from Germany, and build himself a little Dorn of his own where he can chop wood among the jungles of South America. The Shipping Review (Shanghai)

TYPHOON WARNING

A typhoon warning issued from the Manila Observatory at 7.20 a.m. yesterday states that the typhoon, moving N.W., was east of Luzon, more than 300 miles distant.

TRIUMPH FOR EDEN

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from facing any trouble which Japan may bring upon Britain and herself."

HISTORIC EVENT

Mr. Steed next referred to Mr. Eden's statement in the House of Commons when the Russian-Polish Agreement was signed by General Sikorski and M. Malsky in the presence of Mr. Churchill, the British Prime Minister, and himself (Mr. Eden).

"He announced it as an historic event which will lay the firm foundation for full collaboration between Russia and Poland and it was warmly welcomed by the whole British Empire," said Mr. Steed. "Mr. Eden was congratulated by the whole House for an achievement to which he largely contributed and to which General Sikorski and M. Malsky made a point of thanking him for bringing about the agreement."

Mr. Steed declared that it would be a long time before the history of this agreement would be made known. General Sikorski, in fact, had been ready to sign the agreement two or three weeks previously but he could not allow his Foreign Secretary's misgivings. In the end these misgivings were overridden.

PARADOXICAL SITUATION

Mr. Steed then went on to show how paradoxical that situation was. Poland was an ally of Britain but Poland was at war with Russia in 1939 while the Russians over-ran the eastern part of Poland and the Germans the western part. During these hostilities the Russians took a large number of prisoners. But on June 22 this year Germany attacked Russia and that very evening Mr. Churchill had declared that all enemies of Hitler were Britain's friends. Later came the announcement that the agreement* to help Russia was an alliance.

Nor was this all, because the Czechoslovakian Government in London had also agreed to an alliance with Russia. This agreement had been delayed in deference to Poland's feelings.

ICELAND TERMED U.S. SPEARHEAD

Portland, Oregon.—Iceland is America's spearhead into European waters and the people of the United States will soon be hearing much about the little-known island.

This is the opinion of Reginald Orcutt, vice president of the Merchants Linotype Company and a member of the famed Explorers' Club of New York.

According to the explorer, intimately acquainted with the island's culture and customs, the little island is a fine land and not the frozen bleak spot most Americans believe it to be.

"With a population of 131,000 persons, Iceland produces more books per thousand population than any other country on earth," Orcutt revealed.

"These books are all published in Icelandic, the language of the sagas from which 6,500 English words have been kept pure for thousands of years," the explorer declared.

"There are four colleges on the island making up one of the world's finest universities. The people are well-educated and most families subscribe to three or four of the country's eight daily and six weekly newspapers."

Multi-Gun Fighters Arrive In Burma

SINGAPORE, Aug. 1 (Reuter).—The R.A.F. in Burma is now strengthened by the arrival of AMERICAN BREWSTER and BUFFALO multi-gun fighters and Burma is, therefore, now equipped for both offensive and defensive air action. It is authoritatively stated.

For the past few months, thousands of men and women from the mountains of the Shan States have been constructing from the jungle a chain of aerodromes midway between the coast and the ironworks of China and Thailand.

They stretch from Lashio to Mergul. The last of these aerodromes is now completed. All are equipped with all-weather runways suitable for the take-off of heavy bombers fully loaded and a maintenance and repair plant is provided.

Fuel, bombs and ammunition are stored to meet all possible needs.

in the hope that the Russian-Polish agreement would be confirmed, since Czechoslovakia could not be in the position of having one of her allies technically at war with another of her allies. In this case Russia.

THE NEW EUROPE

All these differences, however, have now been cleared away and Mr. Eden had every reason to call the Russian-Polish Agreement an historic event.

"The German people must learn to unlearn all that has been taught them, not only by Hitler, but by his predecessors," concluded Mr. Steed. "The new Europe, including Germany, has to be transformed in a spirit of common sense. This common sense will be the common victory now made surer by the Russian-Polish Agreement."

WATER IN SHELTERS

Thousands Affected By Court Decision

Many thousands of persons who had raid shelters built in their gardens, and builders who constructed them, are affected by an interesting Court decision.

It is to the effect that, in the absence of any stipulation to the contrary, a shelter should be not exactly waterproof or water-tight, but so constructed as to be reasonably free from water through seepage from the ground or otherwise.

There is, the Court held, an implied term in the contract that the shelter should serve the purpose for which it was intended, and that if, through water, those purposes are not served, then the owner may resist any claim for payment.

MADE UNUSABLE

In the case before the Court the facts showed the shelter was built in dry weather, and, while the weather was dry, the shelter was serviceable, but when it rained, or the soil became waterlogged, water to a considerable depth made the place unusable.

The builder lost his case, and on a counter-claim the owner was allowed a sum for removal of the structure and for restoration of the garden to its original condition, and also a nominal sum for breach of contract.

In the early days of shelter construction very little attention was paid to the possibility of infiltration of water, and local authorities as well as private individuals have found their shelters of no use and have scrapped them.

Other shelters (mostly of the surface kind) have been built by the authorities, and private individuals have put in pumps or taken other steps regarding the places.

Philip Rogers, eldest son of the Rev. W. Walton Rogers, Vicar of St. Andrew's Church from 1927-1934, is in his second year at Jesus College, Cambridge.

After spending four months leave in Australia, Mr. F. Brett, Chief Inspector of Junks, has returned to the Colony.

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British, Chinese Relations Closer Than Generally Known By The Public

CHUNGKING, Aug. 1 (Reuter).—The question as to how close is the present collaboration between Britain and China has been the subject of much speculation.

While Chinese and British official quarters persistently decline to comment on the subject there are many indications, though there is no treaty, alliance or agreement signed between the two countries, that there is little doubt that close understanding and collaboration exists.

Presiding at a dinner of the Sino-British Cultural Association on Wednesday, the British Ambassador, SIR ARCHIBALD CLARK KERR, declared:—

"Relations between Britain and China today are very close—in fact, much closer than the public generally knows."

"At the same time it is public knowledge that the Chinese and military authorities are maintaining the closest contact with each other concerning Far Eastern developments."

This had been indicated by the tour of the Chinese military mission to India, Singapore and Burma and the visit of several Burmese missions to Chungking.

In fact, there is a Burmese mission in Chungking at the present time studying Chungking's air defence organisation.

Nevertheless, there are also indications that no treaty, alliance or agreement will be signed between Britain and China concerning joint defence measures in the Southern Pacific in the event of an invasion of Thailand, Burma and Malaya.

In a speech before the Sino-British Cultural Association on Wednesday the Chinese Foreign Minister, DR. QUO TAI-CHI, declared: "The ties today between Britain and China are much closer than any treaty, alliance or agreement which, after all, can be torn up."

GERMAN FORCES NEED MASCOTS

Berlin.—Animals of all kinds are in great demand as mascots for German troop units stationed from Narvik to the Spanish border. Bomber squadrons, fighter units, crews of submarines and overseas raiders are just as proud of their pet dogs, cats or canaries as the doughboys in concrete gun emplacements along the Channel coast.

The pride of every unit, however, is to have wild animals, like baby lions, bears or monkeys as mascots. Some 60 of such coveted pets have been supplied by German zoos to famous individual aces or units which have especially distinguished themselves in fighting.

Luftwaffe Lieutenant Colonel Moelders, leading German air sea, for long was the only of his comrades for owning two baby lions. As the war dragged on, however, the lions grew up and began to remember their wild ancestors, for got about "discipline," until finally they had to be returned to the Berlin Zoo.

CAN MAN REDEEM HIMSELF?

In St. John's Cathedral Hall last night, Dr. T. C. Choa gave a very interesting lecture on "Can Man Redeem Himself?" It was attended by a fairly large audience.

Dr. Choa began by talking about the way the Chinese thought and their existence and what they thought of the incarnation. The Chinese believed that Heaven was father and mother was earth and we being in between got help from both parties.

The Chinese people never looked beyond death. They were very strange for they thought the earth was everlasting and they did not seem to want to leave it.

Confucius had stated that freedom and necessity must be combined to make a person good.

Under no circumstances could we get salvation by ourselves for the word salvation meant the coming of God into our lives.

CUSTOMS PASS MISHAP

Shortly after 9 a.m. yesterday, Dr. W. G. Mackie, of No. 33, Hatton Road, was driving down Customs Pass Road when he was overtaken by a lorry, No. 5957, driven by Chau Yuk-hau, which after overtaking, knocked down a pedestrian, Wong Yau, 20.

Wong received severe injuries and was promptly given attention by Dr. Mackie and later removed to Kowloon Hospital.

MANILA TO HAVE NEW NAVAL AIR STATION

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 20 (By Clipper).—Despite the fact that the U.S. focus of attention is on the "Battle of the Atlantic," President Roosevelt is still keeping a close watch on the Pacific as evidenced by his request to Congress for an additional \$300,000,000 immediately for expanding the United States Navy's far-flung shore stations and new air bases in Hawaii and the Philippines and strengthening outlying bases in both the Atlantic and Pacific.

Out of this sum \$10,000,000 will be spent for building underground fuel storage facilities for the Pacific fleet in Hawaii where a new \$18,000,000 air base is proposed.

The plan also calls for a new naval air station at Cavite outside of Manila, costing \$5,510,000. In the mid-Pacific other plans are afoot, including \$1,000,000 for gun emplacements and other defense installations at Samoa, \$4,070,000 for a new submarine base at Wake Island and \$4,761,000 for a similar base on Midway Island. Both of these islands are now stopping places for the Pan American clipper linking the United States and Hongkong and Singapore.

In the Atlantic \$15,000,000 will go for the establishment of a large fleet anchorage at the new base at Trinidad, and an additional \$31,000,000 for improving the new \$45,000,000 fleet anchorage at Vieques, Puerto Rico. A new base will also be built at Barbados Point and supplement existing naval air stations at Ford Island and Manzanillo Bay. (Central)

WU TEH CHEN BASKETBALL

Two further matches in the Open Basketball League, organised by the Chinese Y.M.C.A. for the "Wu Teh Chen" Cup, were played last night on the "Y" court at Waterloo Road.

The first game between the Hongkong and Kowloon Residents' Union and Pui Ching was closely contested, the latter losing by 43 points to 41.

Displaying better all-round courtcraft and better strategy, the Youths' Union quintette scored a comfortable victory over Yu Leung by 53 points to 31.

H.E. TO ATTEND NEXT ROTARY CLUB MEETING

His Excellency the Governor will lunch with the Rotary Club of Hongkong on Tuesday next, Aug. 5, at 1.15 p.m. The speaker will be Mr. J. H. van der Laan, who will give an illustrated talk on "Java."

HEALTH BULLETIN

The following is the Returns of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at midnight on July 31:—

Cholera, seven cases; Diphtheria, two cases; Dysentery, eight cases; Enteric Fever, six cases; Tuberculosis, 24 cases.

EASTERN PORTS

The Health Bulletin of Eastern Ports for the week ending on July 28 records 52 cases of Cholera in Macao and 19 in Shanghai and also one case of Small-Pox in the latter port.

CROWN LAND SALES

Five building and two agricultural lots in the New Territories were sold by public auction at the District Office, South, yesterday, while two lots (one of agricultural and the other building) in Tsimi were withdrawn.

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SAW—SEE?

"Rain before seven, shepherd's pie by eleven—old saw, Hawkins."

"I see, Sir. Old saw, Sir."

"And here is a new saw, Hawkins. Rose's before bed, no ache in the head."

"Very clever, Sir. Very apt indeed. You should send it to some of these idling people. I understand they pay very handsomely for such—er—logans."

"Yes, Hawkins. I believe I have a sort of flair for that sort of thing. It just comes to me in my bath."

CATHOLIC NEWS & NOTES

ST. DOMINIC: LOUVAIN LIBRARY:
ROTHAY REYNOLDS:
ARMY CHAPLAIN

St. Dominic, whose feast is celebrated tomorrow, is venerated throughout the world as the founder of the Dominican Order, the Order of Preachers, well known in Hongkong because of their House of Studies for the Far East, situated on Stubbs Road. St. Dominic lived at the beginning of the 13th century and began his public career by preaching against the Albigensian heresy in the south of France.

After spending more than ten years in this work he founded, in the year of Magna Charta, his celebrated Order. Its immediate purpose was to preach the Catholic Truth against the errors and abuses of the day. This Order, and that which St. Dominic founded about the same time, did a great deal to remedy the prevailing evils and make the thirteenth century one of the greatest in Christian history.

St. Dominic was a Spaniard and his Order spread rapidly in Spain, Italy and France, but before many years it extended also to England, where convents were founded at Canterbury, London and Oxford. It produced many great men, including numerous Popes, and such famous theologians as St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Albert the Great and painters such as Fra Angelico and Fra Bartolomeo.

The first Chinese priest and bishop was a Dominican, Gregory Lo, who was consecrated Bishop in Canton, in 1685.

LOUVAIN LIBRARY

All hopes for the safety of the famous library of the Catholic University in Louvain were dispelled some time ago by a broadcast from a German radio station. It gave details of the destruction caused by the burning of the University library during the German invasion last summer.

The library contained, before the war, about 900,000 volumes given by nearly all the universities in the world, to make up for its destruction in 1917. They were housed in a building equipped with all the modern technical appliances. Of the 900,000 volumes, only 15,000 were left intact, and of 800 manuscripts only 15 were left.

ROTHAY REYNOLDS

It was mentioned in the English papers recently that six large crates of books reached Prinknash Abbey, containing books bequeathed to the monks by the late Rothay Reynolds, who died in Jerusalem some months ago. The incident recalls the remarkable career of that famous journalist.

He had studied for the Anglican ministry, and served churches in England before going as chaplain to the English Church in St. Petersburg (Leningrad). After his reception into the Catholic Church he returned to St. Petersburg as DAILY NEWS correspondent.

He was an intelligence officer in the World War, and when it was over went to Berlin for the DAILY MAIL. After his death six noted correspondents wrote to the DAILY TELEGRAPH to pay tribute to his fearlessness in facing Nazi officials there.

Douglas Woodruff related that he "used to take pleasure in saying the Rosary aloud in the streets to the dumbfounding of Nazi officials."

MISSING ARMY CHAPLAIN

A young Benedictine priest, Dom Gervase Hobson-Matthews, who refused to board the last ship taking the British Expeditionary Force from Dunkirk, declaring that his place was with the wounded and the dying, has been presumed by his community to be dead.

He served as a military chaplain and was given a pass to return to England with the hundreds of thousands of troops who were brought across the Channel while fierce air battles raged last summer.

When he decided to stay, he wrote a letter to his sister, Hon. Hobson-Matthews, and gave it to a soldier who was leaving.

Dom Gervase was Master of Ceremonies at the Ealing priory church, and was a teacher in the priory schools until he became a chaplain in the first month of the war.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

9th Sunday after Pentecost: 1st Mass and General Communion, 8 a.m.; 2nd Mass, 10 a.m., followed by Benediction. This Service will be broadcast. Sermon by Rev. Father R. Harris, S.J.: "You have received the spirit of adoption of sons."

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

8th Sunday after Trinity, 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion and in the Peak Church; 11.00 a.m. Choral Eucharist and Sermon. Preacher, Rev. J. G. H. Baker; 7.00 p.m. Evensong and Sermon. Preacher, The Bishop of Hongkong.

The last Social Hour until the resumption of these gatherings next Autumn will be held immediately after Evensong.

Holy Communion will be celebrated on Wednesday at 7.30 a.m. (The Transfiguration of Christ); on Thursday at 7.30 a.m. and Friday at 7.45 a.m. (In Cantonese).

Notices for the week:—Baptism on Monday at 8.00 p.m. in the Cathedral Hall.

CHRIST CHURCH

8th Sunday after Trinity: 7.15 a.m. Corporate Communion followed by breakfast, to which all communicants are invited; 9.45 a.m. Choral Eucharist. Preacher: The Vicar; 11 a.m. Choral Eucharist (in Mandarin). Celebrant and Preacher: Rt. Rev. Bishop of Hongkong.

CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL

9th Sunday after Pentecost. Morning services: 1st Mass at 6.30, with sermon in Chinese; 2nd Mass at 8.30. Solemn High Mass followed by Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, 3rd Mass at 10 with sermon in English. Evening services: at 3.30 Catechetical Instruction at 4 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Holy Rosary and Benediction. Aug. 4—St. Dominic, Founder of the Order of Preachers. Aug. 6—Transfiguration of Our Lord. Aug. 7—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Holy Rosary and Benediction at 5.30 p.m. On week days Mass at 6.30 and 7.30 a.m. Confessions morning and evening.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

COURSE OF SERMONS BY THE ACTING VICAR

August 3—Eighth Sunday After Trinity 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 10 a.m. Junior Sunday School; 11 a.m. Matins and Sermon. Preacher, The Acting-Vicar; 7 p.m. Evensong and Sermon. Preacher, The Acting-Vicar. The Usual Social Hour follows this service.

Aug. 4—10 a.m. Medical War Working Party for China. Aug. 6—5.30 p.m. Wolf Cubs; 5.45 p.m. Choir Practice; 8.30 p.m. Fellowship Social.

Aug. 7—10 a.m. Medical War Working Party for China; 8.30 p.m. Moonlight Bathing Picnic.

Aug. 8—5.30 p.m. Scouts; 6.30 p.m. Intercessions in connection with the War; 8.30 p.m. Moonlight Bathing Picnic.

The Rooms of St. Andrew's Fellowship are open daily from 10 a.m. till 11 p.m.

ST. PETER'S SEAMEN'S CHURCH

8th Sunday after Trinity: 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 8 p.m. Short Evening Service. Preacher: Rev. Cyril Brown.

Launch bathing picnics for Seafarers on Saturday and Sunday at 2.30 p.m.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

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The subject of the Lesson Sermon in all Christian Science churches will be: "Love." The Golden Text will be: "The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singings." (Zephaniah 3: 17).

Among others the following citations will be read from the Bible: "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." (John 17: 3).

The following citations will also be read from the Christian Science Textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: This is life eternal, says Jesus, is, not shall be; and then he defines everlasting life as a present knowledge of Love, Truth and Life. One moment of divine consciousness, or the spiritual understanding of Life and Love, is a foretaste of eternity. This exalted view, obtained and retained when the Science of being is understood, would bridge over with life discerned spiritually the interval of death, and man would be in the full consciousness of his immortality and eternal harmony, where sin, sickness and death are unknown." (Science and Health, pages 410-598).

ENGLISH METHODIST CHURCH HONGKONG

Queen's Road East, Opposite the Royal Naval Hospital. SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AFTER MORNING SERVICE.

Preachers: Morning—Rev. J.E. Sandbach; Evening—Rev. E. Moreton. Morning Parade Service at 10.15 a.m. This will be followed by the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Hymns: 8, 706, 525, 705, 611. Evening Service at 7 p.m. Hymns: 9, 293, 101, 498.

NOTICES FOR WEEK.

Following the Evening Service a Social Hour will be held at 8 & 5 Home at 8.30 p.m. All Servicemen and civilians warmly welcomed. Tuesday at 8.30 p.m. Meeting for Prayer and Fellowship at 8 & 5 Home.

ST. PAUL'S CHAPEL

185, Portland Street, Mongkok. 9th Sunday after Pentecost: 8 a.m. Mass with sermon in Chinese; 8 p.m. Evening Prayers, Catechism and Benediction.

H.K. Volunteer Orders

ORDERS BY COL. H. B. ROSE, M.C., COMMANDANT, HONGKONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS

PARADES
Corps Artillery
1st Battery
Aug. 5, 2 p.m. H.Q. Advance Party. 2.30 p.m. Remainder. Dress as laid down. Training at D'Aguiar.
Aug. 7, 5.30 p.m. H.Q. D.E.L. Sec. Dress—Muff. L.G. training.

2nd Battery
Aug. 6, 5.30 p.m. Scandal Point. L. Sec. Layers. Dress—Overalls. S.D. caps to be carried.
Aug. 8, 5.30 p.m. H.Q. R. Sec. No. 2. Fatigue Party. 6 p.m. H.Q. Whole Battery. Dress—Jacket, shorts, helmet, web-equipment, boots, steel helmet. All spare uniform, equipment except greatcoat must be brought in kit bags. Kit bags to be at H.Q. by 4 p.m. Aug. 8. Week-end Camp at Bluff Head.

3rd Battery
Aug. 5, 5.30 p.m. H.Q. All members Dress—Muff. Recognition of targets. Lecture by Major Garland.
Aug. 7, 2 p.m. H.Q. All members Dress—As laid down for 4 day training.

Changes of kit, etc.
Next Q.M.'s evening Wednesday, Aug. 13 and alternate Wednesdays thereafter.

4th Battery
Aug. 5, 2.45 p.m. H.Q. All Secs. Dress as laid down for 4 day training. Training at Pakshawan.
Aug. 7, 5.30 p.m. H.Q. All Secs. Dress—Muff. Kit inspection.
Aug. 7, 6 p.m. Sec. as detailed. Dress—Muff. B.C.A. Class.

5th A.A. Battery
Aug. 5, 2.30 p.m. H.Q. No. 1 Sec. Dress—as detailed. Half day training at Salwan.
Aug. 6, 5.30 p.m. H.Q. Nos. 1 and 2 Secs. Dress—Muff. (Gas test).
Aug. 7, 2.30 p.m. H.Q. No. 2 Sec. Dress—As detailed. Half day training at Salwan.

Field Company Engineers
Aug. 7, 2.30 p.m. K.C.R. Company parade. Dress—Helmet, shirt, shorts, hosetops, boots and puttees. Demolitions in N.T.

Corps Signals
Aug. 4, No parade.
Aug. 5, 5.45 p.m. H.Q. Those detailed. Admin. Lecture.
Aug. 6, 2 p.m. H.Q. Dress—Summer Battle Order. Weekly 4 day training.

SHORTAGE OF COFFINS

Owing to the Sino-Japanese hostilities, the sources of supply of Chinese coffins, such as Ding Chau, Liu Chau and Chungshan, are almost blocked with the result that there is an acute shortage of coffins in the Colony as well as a high increase in prices, according to a Chinese Press report.

It is understood that there are approximately 4,000 coffins left in the whole Colony, and if the sources of supply still remain closed, it is feared that even the dead will be "affected" by the war.

ST. TERESA'S CHURCH

Prince Edward Rd., Tel. 56217

August 2—(The Indulgence of the Portuncula: A Plenary Indulgence can be gained on each visit to this Church during the day; At 5 p.m. today begins at La Salle College a Closed Retreat for Young Men which will close on Monday at 9 a.m. For particulars apply to St. Teresa's Rectory or the Secretary of St. Teresa's C.Y.M.S. Preacher the Rev. Fr. De Angelis; At 7.15 a.m. begins the Novena to St. Philomena in preparation for the Feast (11 August).

Aug. 3, 9th Sunday after Pentecost, 7 a.m. Holy Mass with Sermon in Chinese; 8.30 a.m. Choral Mass, Sermon in English, General Communion and Benediction; 9.30 a.m. Meeting of Children of Mary (English speaking Section); 10.30 a.m. Holy Mass with Sermon in English.

On week-days, Holy Mass at 6.30 and 7.15 a.m.

ROSARY CHURCH

9th Sunday after Pentecost: 6.30 a.m. Mass with sermon in Chinese; 7.30, English, followed by General Communion of the Children of Mary and Members of Catholic Action; 8.30, Mass with sermon in Portuguese; 9.30, English, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament; 2 p.m. Catechism in Chinese; 2.30, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

THE CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

Sunday Services: 10 a.m. Worship (English). Speaker: Rev. W. H. Holton, of Kwai Ping, Kwangsi; 11 a.m. Worship (Cantonese). Speaker: Peter Sun; 3 p.m. Sunday School (Cantonese); 7.30 p.m. Evangelistic Service (Cantonese). Speaker: Pastor Kwok.

Communion Services: At the close of both morning services, the Lord's Supper will be served. The Rev. John Bechtel will officiate.

MISS JAN STRUTHER

AUTHORESS MAKES GREAT HIT

NEW YORK—"If the events of the last few years have taught us anything, they have taught us that writers have got to be fighters on occasion," Jan Struther (whose name isn't Miniver) spoke in clipped English accent, as she stood before the mirror arranging her hair in her hotel suite in Boston writes Clarissa Lorenz in the Christian Science Monitor. Like many of her countrywomen in wartime Britain she had been walking hatless through the windy streets. Her profile, which was delicate and piquant, had something boyish about it.

"Ever since I arrived in the United States," she continued, "I have been asked what Great Britain is like in wartime. It is not an easy question to answer. So many people don't really know what it was like in peacetime. Visitors from my country to yours tend to be rather overwhelmed by the great size of the United States, whereas visitors from yours to mine are always a little awestruck by the great age of England."

"These two things are not really important. What it comes to is that your children have more geography to learn about their country, and ours have more history to learn about theirs."

A flash of the old Miniver humour illuminated the grave, dauntless face. I remembered how she appeared during one of her talks in Boston, dressed in Chinese-lacquer red, with a scarlet bow in her dark hair, and obliged to stand on several children's books in order to reach the microphone.

"One of the greatest tragedies of the world," she went on, turning her fine gray eyes on me, "is that your country and mine so near in spirit, should be so far apart in space. Modern science has not yet thought up any way of stretching the incomes of the ordinary middle-class families, so that they can spend their vacations on the opposite side of the Atlantic."

MORE SERIOUS

Miss Struther's expression became a shade more serious as she added, "I had a letter from my husband. He says my eldest son's school has been evacuated from Scotland to Wales, but our London house hasn't been bombed yet. I must write him to get our family photograph albums away into a safer place."

The Scotch—she is a Lowlander—are said to be both dour and durable, but in picturing this exquisite poet-essayist you can omit the first adjective. Mrs. Maxtone Graham (Jan Struther in literary life) was educated in London. At 15 she not only wrote stories and poems but got them published. Her essays went to Spectator, Punch, and, notably, the London Times. She was the only woman editorial writer on this powerful paper. When the New Statesman offered a prize for the best parody of Mrs. Miniver, she got it for sending one in under an assumed name. That Mrs. Miniver should be considered by Hollywood as a filming possibility—James Hilton is writing the screen version—is a triumph for the essay world, since that enchanting lady is entirely innocent of any plot, as we all know!

When I suggested that she herself may have revived the essay, neglected since Lamb and Montaigne, Miss Struther said rather spiritedly, "I love essays, of course but I do like them with some meat. A lot of modern people try to write them with too little material—jeune is the word—like thin butter spread on much bread. The paper shortage over there is certainly doing a lot to improve the literary style, just as the meat rationing is having a good effect on English cooking."

Having worked for evacuated children at the outbreak of the war, Miss Struther is herself an evacuee now in this country, together with two of her three children. She has been lecturing, mostly in the Midwest for the last four months and loves it. Which is another way of saying, that Americans love her. For, as David McCord said, "She is so real and understanding and lovely and poetic that she is, if anything, more popular here than in England!"

There was no foundation for criticism of the hospital. He recorded a verdict of "Death by misadventure."

Mr. F. Turner, deputy coroner, expressed the view that in their deep grief, which was not unnatural, the parents had "rather exaggerated the circumstances."

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AMERICA'S "WHO'S WHO" ON U.S. ENTRY INTO THE WAR

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 20 (By Clipper).—The Gallup Poll issued this week revealed that 15 per cent. of a cross-section of persons listed in "Who's Who in America"—the most outstanding and successful people in education, science, law, the clergy, medicine, business, government, the arts and other walks of life—are in favour of entering a shooting war now.

BRITISH TANK ACTION IN LIBYA

Initiative Wrested From Enemy

CAIRO, Aug. 1 (Reuter).—During Wednesday afternoon the enemy attacked our forward observation points outside the perimeter south-east of Tobruk. They were driven off by our artillery fire, leaving one wounded man in our hands.

During the night our patrolling activity was continued but no contact was made with the enemy. In the frontier area an Italian fighter aircraft made a forced landing and the pilot surrendered to our troops, says an official communiqué.

Vichy forces in Syria have now handed over all field artillery and fixed guns to the Allied troops. The communiqué adds:

TANK ACTION

LONDON, Aug. 1 (Reuter).—Mention of British tank action in yesterday Italian communiqué is interpreted as significant in authoritative circles here.

It is pointed out that the passage in the communiqué, read in conjunction with Wednesday's official British announcement that the British garrison at Tobruk had wrested the initiative from the enemy, indicates a definite strengthening of the British position there.

Wait And See Vichy Policy Ires Germany

ZURICH, Aug. 1 (Reuter).—The German-controlled Paris Press has opened a fresh and violent campaign against Admiral Darlan and the Vichy Government on the grounds that since the beginning of the Russian campaign they have resumed the wait and see policy as though Germany was eventually going to suffer defeat, says a Vichy correspondent.

It is added that "Luchaire," writing in the *Nouvelles Temps*, complains that General De Gaulle's supporters have formed a bloc against the Vichy Cabinet which has shown its incapacity to rally its friends of collaboration.

"The Government must be re-constituted in order to choose definitely between the wait and see and collaboration policy."

Both the newspapers *L'Ouvre* and the *Nouvelles Temps* say that Vichy must realise that France is unable to save the remaining African colonies alone and urge military collaboration with Germany on the same terms as collaboration with Japan and Indo-China.

WAVELL REVIEWS WAR SITUATION

SIMLA, Aug. 1 (Reuter).—General Sir Archibald Wavell, Commander-in-Chief in India, presided yesterday at the first meeting of the Defence Committee of the Central Legislature set up in pursuance of the undertaking given by General Sir Claude Auchinleck, his predecessor, in the Upper House recently.

In the opening speech, General Wavell reviewed the general war situation, emphasising the magnificent part played by Indians in the various theatres of war.

EGYPTIAN CABINET RESHUFFLE

CAIRO, Aug. 1 (Reuter).—Hussein Sirry Pasha, the Egyptian Prime Minister, is re-constructing his Cabinet on a broader basis to include members of the Saadist Party led by the staunchly pro-British Ahmed Maher, brother of the late Prime Minister.

As a preliminary to this, he submitted his resignation to the King yesterday morning.

The new Cabinet is expected to include five Saadists and five Independents.

The Saadists have up to now refused to join the Government because they favoured a more active participation in the war.

A comparison of results shows that the Who's Who group is twice as much in favour of entering a shooting war as the general public is and considerable more in favour of American naval convoys than the public is.

The contrast in attitudes, as revealed by the Institute's study, follows: "If you were asked to vote today on the question of the United States entering the war now against Germany and Italy, how would you vote—to go into the war now, or to stay out of the war?" In the Who's Who group 45 per cent. voted "go in," while 55 per cent. voted "stay out." Of the general public 21 per cent. voted to "go in" while 79 per cent. voted "stay out."

U. S. CONVOYS

"Do you think the U.S. Navy should be used to convoy ships carrying war materials to Britain?" Of the Who's Who group 64 per cent. favoured convoys, 29 per cent. opposed, 7 per cent. no opinion. Vote of the general public showed that 56 per cent. favoured convoys, 35 per cent. opposed, 9 per cent. no opinion.

"So far as you personally are concerned, do you think President Roosevelt has gone too far in his policies of helping Britain or not far enough?" Who's Who group 18 per cent. voted too far; 53 per cent. voted about right; 31 per cent. not far enough. Vote of the general public showed that 23 per cent. voted too far; 55 per cent. about right; and 22 per cent. not far enough—(Central).

BLOCKING ORDER HARDSHIPS

SHAI TO PETITION HOME GOVERNMENT

SHANGHAI, Aug. 1 (Reuter).—Owing to the hardship and inconvenience which the British blocking order imposes on British residents here, local British banks are cabling London for permission to make payments for limited sums to cover living expenses and essential commitments.

According to the instructions received by the local banks all balances, securities and gold in the United Kingdom of Britons resident in China, including corporate bodies or its subsidiaries in or outside China, are directly blocked from July 29.

The telegram goes on to give further particulars from which it appears that all sterling balances, securities and gold held in China by these banks on behalf of residents of China and Japan are also blocked.

ANOTHER JAPANESE GENDARME SHOT

SHANGHAI, Aug. 1 (Reuter).—The entire Nantao district is segregated from the rest of Shanghai following the shooting of another Japanese gendarme by terrorists last night.

The Japanese are reported to be conducting an intensive house-to-house search.

Meanwhile, the foreign areas are strongly barricaded as a precautionary measure in view of the extensive celebrations in the Chinese governed sectors to commemorate the recognition of Nanking by the Axis countries.

BURMESE MISSION IN CHUNGKING

CHUNGKING, Aug. 1 (Reuter).—It has been officially revealed that the Burmese Mission now in Chungking to study air defence will be given an opportunity to observe air defence methods in actual operation.

During Wednesday's air raid the Burmese Mission remained at the headquarters and immediately after the all clear started a tour of the city inspecting rescue, evacuation and medical relief units in operation.

CAIRO, Aug. 1 (Reuter).—Baron de Benoit, the newly appointed Free French delegate in the Near East, officially took up the duties of his office yesterday, according to the Free French news agency. He marked the occasion by giving a reception at which Egyptian and foreign newspapermen were present.

HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE				SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION			
Buyers	Sellers	Quotations	FRIDAY 1 AUGUST.	Buyers	Sellers	Quotations	FRIDAY 1 AUGUST.
Banks							
...	H.K. Banks	...	...	...	H.K. Banks
...	Do. (Col. Reg.)	...	...	...	Do. (Col. Reg.)
...	Do. (Lon. Reg.)	...	...	...	Do. (Lon. Reg.)
...	Chartered Banks	...	...	...	Chartered Banks
...	Mercantile Bks. "A"	...	...	...	Mercantile Bks. "A"
...	Mercantile Bks. "C"	...	...	...	Mercantile Bks. "C"
...	Bank of East Asia	...	...	...	Bank of East Asia
...	N. C. & S. Banks	...	...	...	N. C. & S. Banks
Insurance							
...	Canton Insurance	...	...	...	Canton Insurance
...	Union Insurance	...	...	...	Union Insurance
...	Underwriters	...	...	...	Underwriters
...	H.K. Fire	...	...	...	H.K. Fire
Shipping							
...	Douglases	...	...	...	Douglases
...	Steamships	...	...	...	Steamships
...	Indo-China (Pref.)	...	...	...	Indo-China (Pref.)
...	Indo-China (Def.)	...	...	...	Indo-China (Def.)
...	Shells	...	...	...	Shells
...	Waterfront	...	...	...	Waterfront
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.							
...	H.K. & K. Wharves	...	...	...	H.K. & K. Wharves
...	Providents	...	...	...	Providents
...	H.K. Docks (Old)	...	...	...	H.K. Docks (Old)
...	H.K. Docks (New)	...	...	...	H.K. Docks (New)
...	Shanghai Docks	...	...	...	Shanghai Docks
Mining							
...	Kailans	...	...	...	Kailans
...	Ranba	...	...	...	Ranba
...	Hong Kong Mines	...	...	...	Hong Kong Mines
Land, Hotels and Buildings							
...	H.K. & S. Hotels	...	...	...	H.K. & S. Hotels
...	H.K. Lands	...	...	...	H.K. Lands
...	Do. 4% Debentures	...	...	...	Do. 4% Debentures
...	Shanghai Lands	...	...	...	Shanghai Lands
...	H.K. Realities	...	...	...	H.K. Realities
...	Humphreys	...	...	...	Humphreys
...	Chinese Estates	...	...	...	Chinese Estates
Cotton Mills							
...	Ewo (S.)	...	...	...	Ewo (S.)
...	Shai Cottons (S.)	...	...	...	Shai Cottons (S.)
...	Zoong Sings (S.)	...	...	...	Zoong Sings (S.)
...	Wing On Textiles (S)	...	...	...	Wing On Textiles (S)
Public Utilities							
...	H.K. Tramways	...	...	...	H.K. Tramways
...	Peak Trams (old)	...	...	...	Peak Trams (old)
...	Peak Trams (new)	...	...	...	Peak Trams (new)
...	Star Ferries	...	...	...	Star Ferries
...	Y-mat Ferries	...	...	...	Y-mat Ferries
...	China Lights (O)	...	...	...	China Lights (O)
...	China Lights (New)	...	...	...	China Lights (New)
...	H.K. Electric (Old)	...	...	...	H.K. Electric (Old)
...	H.K. Electric (New)	...	...	...	H.K. Electric (New)
...	H.K. Electric (Rts)	...	...	...	H.K. Electric (Rts)
...	Macao Electric	...	...	...	Macao Electric
...	Macao Electric	...	...	...	Macao Electric
...	Sandakan Lights	...	...	...	Sandakan Lights
...	Telephones (old)	...	...	...	Telephones (old)
...	Telephones (new)	...	...	...	Telephones (new)
Industrials							
...	Cald, Macg. (Ord.) S.	...	...	...	Cald, Macg. (Ord.) S.
...	Cald, Macg. (Pref.) S.	...	...	...	Cald, Macg. (Pref.) S.
...	Canton Ice	...	...	...	Canton Ice
...	Cementa	...	...	...	Cementa
...	H.K. Ropes	...	...	...	H.K. Ropes
...	H.K. Govt. Loans	...	...	...	H.K. Govt. Loans
...	4% Loan	...	...	...	4% Loan
...	3 1/2% (1934)	...	...	...	3 1/2% (1934)
...	3 1/2% (1940)	...	...	...	3 1/2% (1940)
Miscellaneous							
...	Dairy Farms	...	...	...	Dairy Farms
...	Entertainments	...	...	...	Entertainments
...	Constructions (old)	...	...	...	Constructions (old)
...	Constructions (new)	...	...	...	Constructions (new)
...	Lane Crawford	...	...	...	Lane Crawford
...	Nanyang Tobacco	...	...	...	Nanyang Tobacco
...	Sincere	...	...	...	Sincere
...	Watsons	...	...	...	Watsons
...	Ch. G. 5% 1925 G.S.B.A.	...	...	...	Ch. G. 5% 1925 G.S.B.A.
...	H.K. Wing On	...	...	...	H.K. Wing On
...	Shai Wing On	...	...	...	Shai Wing On
...	Vibro Piling	...	...	...	Vibro Piling
...	Marsmans Inv. (Lon.)	...	...	...	Marsmans Inv. (Lon.)
...	Marsmans Inv. (H.K.)	...	...	...	Marsmans Inv. (H.K.)
...	Wm. Powells	...	...	...	Wm. Powells
...	N.A. Chemicals (H.K.)	...	...	...	N.A. Chemicals (H.K.)
...	†Sale to Shanghai	...	...	...	†Sale to Shanghai

LIMITED APPEASEMENT CRITICISED

While the American public last week believed that the Administration was clearing the way for a bold policy and all-out sanctions against Japan in collaboration with Britain, the belief is gaining ground that the Anglo-American Far Eastern policy is now a modified programme of limited appeasement toward Japan.

The present policy satisfies neither the isolationist nor the interventionists. The NEW YORK POST, expressing disappointment, says that the United States policy is "still soft and still uncertain."

Landung the TA KUNG PAO's criticism of the appeasement policy, the New York Post urges the Government immediately to announce a complete embargo against Japan.

Mr. Burnet Hershey, radio commentator, says that he feels that the appeasement road is not only opened but America is walking down it.—(Central News).

CANADIAN BREAD

OTTAWA, Aug. 1 (Reuter).—The threatened increase in the price of bread in Canada has been averted.

This was stated by Mr. MacKinnon, Minister for Trade, in announcing that the wheat processing tax of 15 cents per bushel ended yesterday and will not operate in the new crop year.

Lapsing of the tax, said Mr. MacKinnon, would avoid an increase in the price of bread which threatened recently, the tax having heavily affected bakers.

TO SERVE IN ARMY

Inspired by the circular telegram issued by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek on July 2 urging public functionaries and local gentry to encourage their sons and brothers to join military service, Mr. Chow Chung-yueh, Minister of the Interior, has sent his second son Chow Shih-tan to enroll in the Central Military Academy who has passed the entrance examination and will undergo training in preparation for active military service.—(Central News).

ANTI-AIR RAID PERSONNEL

A party of Burmese air raid precaution officials who arrived here recently visited the Chungking Air Defence Headquarters during the mass Japanese bombing of the city. The visitors evinced particular interest in the intelligence work of the Headquarters.

After the raid they were escorted by Chinese officials to visit the bombed areas and see the relief squads at work and expressed great admiration for their courage and efficiency.—(Central News).

A feature of poultry production in Saskatchewan is the increase in the number of turkeys. The total number of this fowl as of December 1, 1940 was 1,013,000 as compared with 880,300 for the year previous. This is an increase of 15.1 per cent. and a total of more than any other two provinces.

LONDON, Aug. 1 (Reuter).—Mr. Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, saw M. Molotov and later Mr. John Winant yesterday evening.

H.K. Stock Exchange

Friday, Aug. 1.
There has been a moderate business during the week confined mainly to the lower price issues, rates remain fairly steady after a slight decline.

H.K. Trams have declared an interim dividend of 50 cts—the same as last year—payable on 18th Inst.

Following hard on the freezing of funds in America, Britain and Japan, local Government regulations consequent thereon were promulgated today. Until there has been more time to study these regulations it is difficult to appraise what influences, if any, they may have on share business transacted on behalf of Clients living outside the Colony. It appears, however, that deals on behalf of Clients resident in the Colony remain completely untrammelled.

H.K. Government 4% Loan went X. Coupon today.

BUSINESS DONE DURING THE WEEK

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Canton Ins., \$225.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$185.
Providents, \$5.75.
Chinese Estates, \$101.
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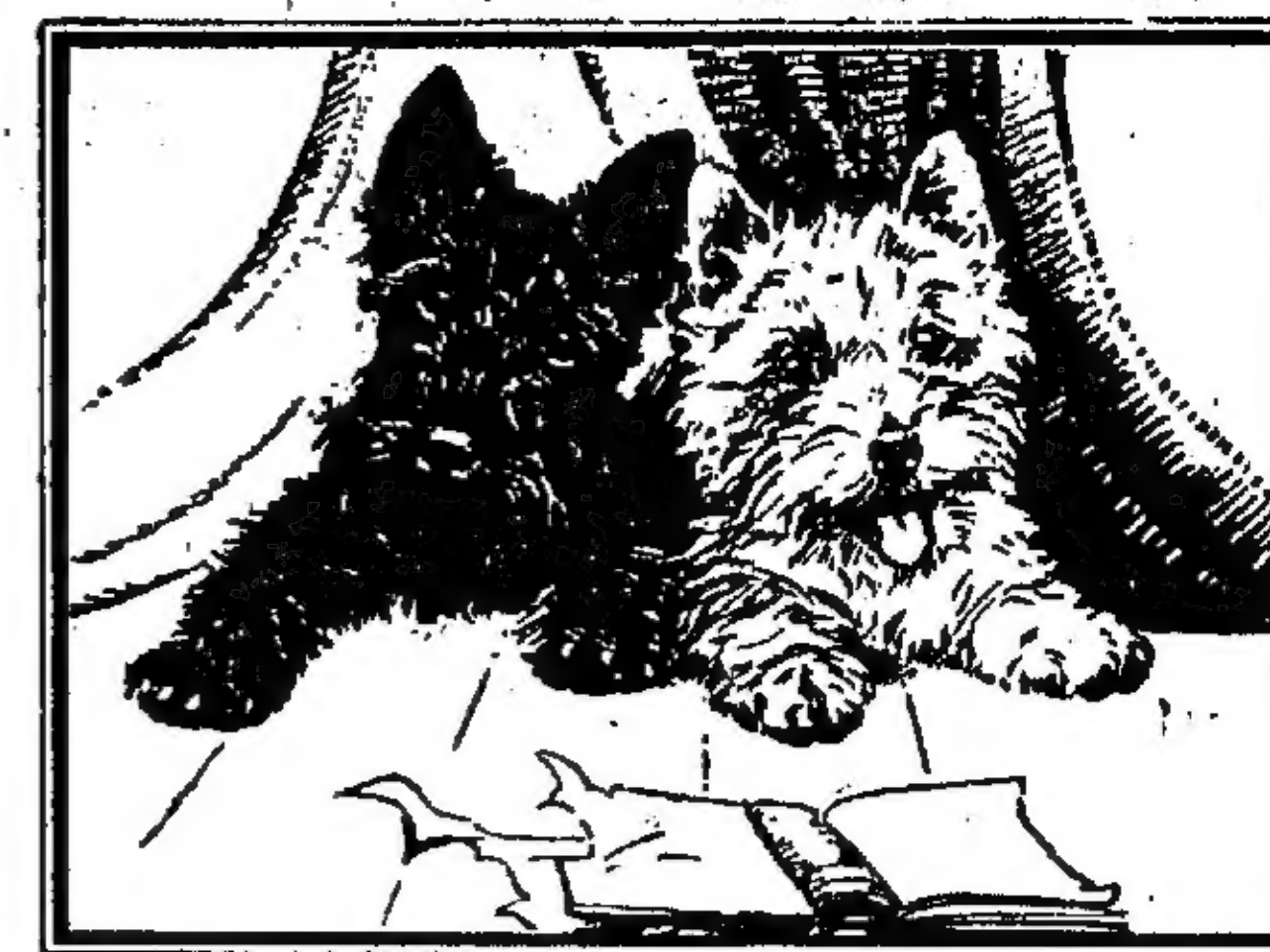
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Ropes, \$8.20.
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Electricity Rts., \$11.
Macao Electric, \$18.60.
Telephones (N), \$9.75.
Ropes, \$8.50.
Dairy Farms, \$19.25.

SALES

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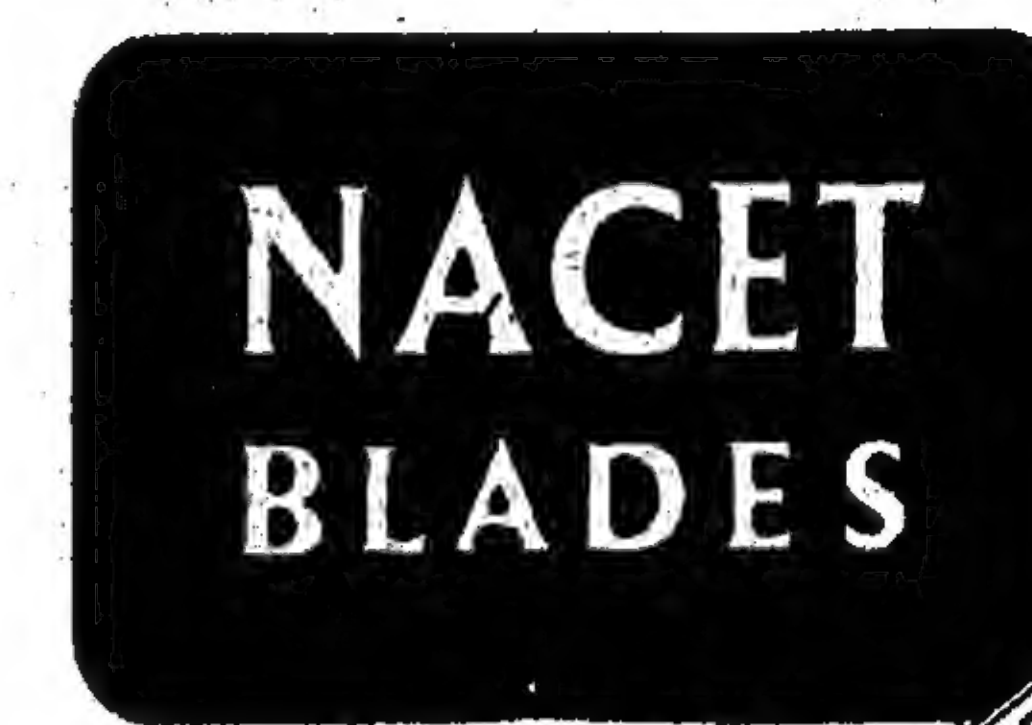


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WASHINGTON, Aug. 1 (Reuter).—Mr. Lincoln MacVeagh, formerly United States Minister to Greece, has been nominated by President Roosevelt as Minister to Iceland.

JAPANESE LIFT BAN ON COTTON EXPORT

CHUNGKING, Aug. 1 (Central).—According to a Shanghai dispatch, the Japanese Deputy Commissioner of the Shanghai Customs yesterday suddenly announced the lifting of the ban on the export of cotton goods, cereals, and fertilizers.

The reason for the move, especially in regard to cotton goods, the dispatch states, is that of 80 cotton mills in Shanghai nearly 40 are owned and operated by Japanese merchants.

The ban on the following categories of goods is still effective: machines, chemical products, mineral products, metals, leather products, drugs, dyes, oils, cotton, rubber goods, ramie, wool.

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RADIO PROGRAMME

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"South of Pago-Pago"—South of Pago-Pago—Fox-Trot Ray Kinney & His Hawaiian Musical Ambassadors "Road to Zanzibar"—You Lucky People You (Van Heusen-Burke): It's Always You—Bing Crosby (Vocal) with Orchestra "That Night in Rio"—1 Yl. Yl. Yl. Yl. Samba (Gordon, Warren)—Leo Reisman and his Orchestra "Strike Up the Band"—Our Love Affair (Fred-Eddens)—Anona Winn & Her Winners "That Night in Rio"—Boa Noite—Porter (Gordon-Warren)—Leo Reisman and his Orchestra "Nice Girl"—Thank You America (Jurmahn—Grossman)—Deanna Durbin (Vocal) with Orchestra

9.43 Local Sport Results.

9.45—10.00 News in French (On Short Wave only).

9.45 Pianolito Songs.

Stephen Foster's Melodies—Massa's In De Cold, Cold Ground Nellie Bly, Hard Times Come Again No More—Oh! Susanna—Frank Luther and the Lyn Murray Quartet w. piano, guitar etc. "Ol' Man River" (From film "Showboat—Kern): My Old Kentucky Home (Foster)—Paul Robeson (Bass) with Orch.

10.00 London—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 Dance Music.

Fox-Trot—Love Gave Me You; Little Sally Water—Al Cooper and His Savoy Sultans. Slow Fox-Trot—In A Little Rocky Valley; Fox-Trot—A Little King Without A Crown—Joe Loss and His Orchestra "Tangos—El Pili; Tucuman Juan D'Arienzo Y Su Orquesta Tipica. Fox-Trot—In My Dream Parade; Quick-Step—No Mamma, No!—Oscar Rabin and His Strict Tempe Dance Band. Swing Fox-Trot—Stephan's Tune; After You've Gone—Stephan Grappelli & His Musicians. Fox-Trot—M'l Never Fall You; Waltz—Lilac Of Louvain—Jack White and His Band. Fox-Trots—Spain; All By Myself—Bob Crosby's Bob Cats. Rumba—Pa-Ran-Pan-Pan; Bolero—Loca Ilusion—Xavier Cugat & His Waldorf Astoria Orchestra. Fox-Trot—Sing 'Em Low; Rumba—Danza Waltz—Down The Gypsy Trail (From Lucumi—Arde Shaw and his Orch. film "Ecstasy"—Swing and Sway w. Sammy Kaye.

11.15 London—"Old Mother Riley Takes The Air."

12.00 midnight. Close Down.

TOMORROW

STUDIO-TWO PIANO RECITAL BY E. & M. BODER

Schubert Quartet

10.00—11.00 a.m. Relay of Morning Service from St. Joseph's Church.

12.15 p.m. Beethoven—Symphony No. 5 in C Minor, Op. 67.

1st Mov. Allegro con brio; 2nd Mov. Andante con moto; 3rd Mov. Allegro (Scherzo); 4th Mov. Allegro (Finale)—The Royal Albert Hall Orchestra cond. by Sir Landon Ronald.

12.48 Violin Solos by Yehudi Menuhin.

Songs My Mother Taught Me (Dvorak—Persinger). Hungarian Dance No. 8 in B Flat Major (Brahms-Jochim): Romanza Andaluza (Spanish Dance), Op. 22 (Sarasate).

1.00 Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 Studio—Two Piano Recital by Eddie and Michael Boder (By Courtesy of the Parisian Grill).

Ballet Music from Faust (Gounod) The Parade of the Wooden Soldiers (Jessel). Waltz from "The Sleeping Beauty" Ballet (Tchaikovsky).

1.20 Songs by Deanna Durbin (Soprano).

La Traviata (Verdi). Il Bacio—Th.

Kiss (Luigi Arditi). The Maids of Cadiz (Delibes).

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Dollars—Eventy (Once Upon A Time).

The London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Sir Thomas Beecham.

2.02 Excerpts from Wagner's Oper. "Tristan and Isolde"—The Love Duet—Frida Leider (Soprano) and Lauritz Melchior (Tenor) and The State Opera Orchestra cond. by Albert Coates. Twilight Of The Gods—Finale—The Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra cond. by Leopold Stokowski. Pilgrims' Chorus—State Opera Chorus and Orchestra.

2.30 Close Down.

6.00 Indian Programme.

7.15 Schubert—Quartet No. 14 in D Minor ("Death and The Maiden").

1st Mov. Allegro, 2nd Mov. Andante con moto, 3rd Mov. Scherzo (Allegro Molto); 4th Mov. Presto—Roth String Quartet.

7.53 Orchestral Interlude.

The Twin Brothers—Overture (Schubert)—The Opera Orchestra Schubert Waltzes—The Symphony Orchestra cond. by Goehr.

8.00 London—The News.

8.15 London—War Commentary.

8.25 London—"Listening Post."

Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 Programme Summary.

8.32 Edith Lorand and Her Viennese Orchestra and Richard Tauber (Tenor).

The Flowers' Caress—Waltz (Lentini); In Tulip Land—Waltz (Pazeller)—Edith Lorand and Her Viennese Orch. When Day Is Done (de Sylva)—Robert Katscher; Solitude (de Lange—Irving Mills—Duke Ellington)—Richard Tauber with Orchestra. Eugen Onegin—Selection (Tchaikovsky); Le Coq D'Or—Hymn to the Sun (Rimsky-Korsakov—Kreiser)—Edith Lorand and Her Viennese Orchestra—You're Mine (Derancie-Siever)—Richard Tauber w. Orch. The Bat—"You and You" Waltz (Johann Strauss); Danse Espagnole (Granados)—Edith Lorand & Her Viennese Orch.

9.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 The Don Cossack Choir.

Tri Piesni—Three Folk Songs (Arr. Dobrowen). The Epic of Serge Jaroff's Don Cossack Choir (Prof. Schwedoff). Saye, O Lord—Thy People (P. Tchemokoff).

9.15 Studio—Book Reviews.

9.30 Vladimir Horowitz at the Piano. Dream Visions, Op. 12, No. 7 (Schumann); Mazurka in E Minor (E. Moll) Op. 41, No. 2 (Chopin). Etude XI Pour Les Arpes Composées (Debussy); Facturel (Poulenc); Toccata (Poulenc).

9.45—10.00 News in French (On Short Wave only).

9.45 Bach—Concerto in A Minor.

1st Mov. 2nd Mov. Andante; 3rd Mov. Andante; 4th Mov. Allegro Assai—Bronislaw Huberman (Violin) and The Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Dobroy.

10.00 London—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 G. D. Cunningham at the Organ.

Organ Sonata in G (Elgar) "Sonata on 94th Psalm"—Introduction and Finale (Reubke).

10.32 Studio—Sunday Evening Epilogue.

Conducted by a Priest of the Roman Catholic Church.

10.50 Close Down.

WEATHER OF JULY

SUNSHINE 35 HOURS BELOW NORMAL

The main feature of the July weather was the unusual persistence of south-westerly winds, with the associated warm and humid conditions which made the month so trying for the general public. Much rain fell during the month and sunshine was well below the average. The near approach of the two typhoons at the beginning of the month and the following week-end produced winds of gale force, but apart from this, wind velocities were below normal.

A maximum temperature of 91.7 deg. F. was recorded on the 21st, a minimum of 74.0 deg. on the 7th, the average temperature being 83.3 deg. or 1.2 deg. above normal. Relative humidity for the month was normal at 83 per cent, general discomfort being due to a persistence of daily percentages in the region of 80, rather than the occurrence of unusually high values. Relative humidity reached 90 per cent on one day only.

SIX THUNDERSTORMS

Duration of bright sunshine of 177 hours was 35 hours or 17 per cent. below normal. Cloud percentage was 78, against an average for July of 69. During the month 21.455 inches of rain fell, half of it during the period of the second typhoon, viz. 5th to 7th. The total was 6.3 inches above average and there were only eight days without rain. A similar preponderance of rain and lack of sunshine occurred in July last year. Six thunderstorms occurred, one lightning was observed on eleven days.

Associated with the typhoons, maximum wind gusts of 73 m.p.h. on the 6th, 72 on the 1st and 65 on the 7th were recorded at the Royal Observatory. Corresponding values at the Peak were 81, 62 and 71 respectively.

BOTANIC GARDENS

A total of 22.57 inches of rain was recorded at the Botanic Gardens during the month of July.

No falls were recorded on 10 of the 31 days of the month, the biggest recordings being registered on the 6th and 7th with 3.86 and 5.96 inches respectively.

Mr. G. A. V. Hall, of "Bellmere," Castle Peak, reported to the Police that while driving his car near the 10-mile stone, a burst tyre caused it to run into a tree. The car was badly damaged.

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Proud Tradition Of Chinese Sappers

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no more than entry into full man-
hood.

CAPT. C. E. OTWAY

Replying to the toast, Capt. C. E. Otway, R.E., said, in part: "It is my good fortune to be allowed to reply to His Excellency the Governor on behalf of the Chinese Royal Engineers. I have been requested to express their pleasure at your Excellency's personal attendance at both the parade this morning and now."

"The story of the Chinese Sappers has covered an eventful period during which there have been two major wars won and the third in the process of being won. As is only fitting the Chinese Sappers, as they have grown, have taken a more prominent part in the Empire's wars. The tasks they have been called upon to perform have multiplied in number and variety, and the wars have moved nearer to their homes."

"They have continually proved themselves ready to work under any conditions so long as it helped to win the war. They not only have worked hard at their own special tasks but learned new ones in the past few months and have adopted old knowledge to the new conditions of insistent demand for results."

Chinese R.E. Jubilee Gala

22nd. Fortress Coy.
Take Team Honours

Winning every one of the four events in the inter-Sectional competition, No. 1 Section of the 22nd Fortress Company took team honours at the Royal Engineers' Chinese Ranks' Jubilee Gala at the Army Pool yesterday afternoon.

No. 2 Section, 22nd Fortress Company scored 70 points against the winning total of 100. Third place went to the Right Half Section of the 40th Fortress Company.

A featured event was the inter-company free style relay race, teams consisting of a British Section Officer, British Sergeant, Chinese Sergeant, Chinese Corporal, Chinese Lance-Corporal and Chinese Sapper. The race was won by 40th Fortress Company.

DIVING EXHIBITION

An exhibition of diving was given by Wong King-woon, Koo Ka-kui and Lam Ka-tung, of the Chinese Bathing Club.

The diving event was won by Spr. Lal Ping-yau of the 40th Fortress Company.

Prizes were presented at the conclusion of the gala by Colonel E. H. M. Clifford, O.B.E., M.C., the Chief Engineer, who also acted as Referee. Lieut.-Col. R. G. Lamb, Commanding the Fortress Royal Engineers, was Chief Judge, and Captain H. C. Cartwright-Taylor, R.E., the Starter.

FIRST WINE, THEN BLOOD FLOWED

Two Chinese men, stated to be friends, were involved in a fight last night which resulted in one of them receiving a broken head, necessitating him to be sent to hospital.

It was learned that the two men were having supper in a restaurant in Sing Wong Street, near Hollywood Road, and, apparently after wine had flowed too freely between them, words were exchanged between them.

This led to blows, one of them hitting the other over the head allegedly with a wine bottle.

JOKE UPSETS SAILOR

HOBOKEN, N.J.—When the President Harrison docked here recently, it was revealed that a joke plunged one of its sailors in the sea off Manila the night of April 15.

Boatswain's Mate Mike Dabonka, 24, disclosed that on that April night, when the President Lines ship was 125 miles from Manila, he was sitting aft on a poop deck rail, talking with companions.

He told a joke and laughed so heartily at his own humour that he fell off the rail and into the ocean. Rescuers located him by his shrill whistling.

He had forgotten what the joke was he was laughing about. "All I know is that it seemed funny then," he grinned.

COLONEL CLIFFORD

The Chief Engineer, Colonel Clifford, said, in part:

"The plans for the celebration of this anniversary were framed when Major-General Grasett was in the Colony. To use the official expression of Whitehall, he 'derived from' a Corps of Royal Engineers—in plain English, he was a Royal Engineer. In fact—and we consequently expected to have him in the chair for this evening's proceedings."

In the event, we are deprived of his company, and I know his disappointment at being unable to be present, and so it falls to my unpractised tongue to endeavour to express the gratitude of the Chinese Sappers—and I may say also of the Royal Engineers' officers who command them—for the interest displayed in them in this landmark of their history."

We trust that further acquaintance with the Chinese Sappers will give His Excellency the General Officer Commanding an increasingly high opinion of them."

I should not like to let this occasion pass without acknowledging the help received from Mr. North and his Department on all sorts of occasions in connexion with the Chinese Sappers and their families."

We greatly appreciate also the presence of Dr. Chenting Wang this evening amongst us.

H.E. THE G.O.C.

His Excellency the General Officer Commanding, Major-Gen. C. M. Maltby, M.C., in a short speech, said that he had been impressed with the parade in the morning.

Great interest was being taken at Home, Major-Gen. Maltby said, in the Chinese personnel of the Royal Engineers in Hongkong.

This was amply shown by the fact that the War Office recently approved the use of British titles for N.C.O.'s among the Chinese personnel of the Engineers, and has thus brought them into line with their younger counterparts in other parts of the British Empire.

The War Office had also realised that the cost of living had greatly risen in Hongkong and that many Chinese Sappers were finding difficulty in finding suitable accommodations for their families. In view of this the War Office had allowed a war bonus of 20 cents per day for every Chinese soldier of whatever rank.

His Excellency concluded by wishing the Chinese personnel of the Royal Engineers in Hongkong a long life and every success.

HON. MR. M. K. LO

The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo made a short address also in Cantonese. Mr. Lo told the Sappers that the wars being fought by Britain and China were coincidental in their aims. The duty of the Sappers in Hongkong, therefore, was as important to the Chinese people, whom they would be called upon to defend in Hongkong should war come here, as were the duties of the Chinese soldiers on any other front.

CEREMONIAL PARADE

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, K.C.M.G., took the salute yesterday morning at Murray Parade Ground of the ceremonial parade of the Chinese personnel of the 22nd and 40th Fortress Company Royal Engineers.

Captain H.C.G. Cartwright-Taylor, R.E., was in command of the parade. The 22nd Fortress Company was commanded by Captain G. O. Dawson, R.E., and 2/Lieut. A. J. Le Seellur R.E. with 2/Lieut. J.T. Wakefield, R.E., and the 40th Fortress Company was commanded by Captain C.E. Otway, R.E., with 2/Lieut. D. Holliday, R.E., and 2/Lieut. T.S. Simpson, R.E.

His Excellency the Governor took the salute from a dais erected on the parade ground. On the dais also were His Excellency Major-General C.E. Maltby, General Officer Commanding the British Troops in China, accompanied by his A.D.C., the Hon. Mr. N.L. Smith, Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. R.A.G. North, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, Brigadier A. Peffer, in charge of Administration, China Command and Colonel E.H.M. Clifford, R.E., the Chief Engineer.

The Band and Drums of the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Engineers, by kind permission of Lieut. Colonel D.J. McDougall and Officers, were in attendance.

ALONE ON SHIP

ORDEAL OF EVACUEE BOY OF ELEVEN

Left alone on a sinking ship in mid-Atlantic, an 11-year-old Scots boy, Robert Wilson, of Larchfield-avenue, Newton Mearns, experienced an ordeal which would have broken the nerve of many a full-grown man, says the News of the World.

Robert and his brother Ross were among the evacuee children on board a ship which left this country for America some time ago.

Little more than a day out from England, and while the children were asleep in their bunks, the ship was torpedoed. And here is Robert's story.

"I was fast asleep when the ship was hit," Robert told a "News of the World" reporter, "and despite all the noise that followed I did not wake up."

"It must have been some hours later when I opened my eyes. I did not know what was wrong, but I felt that something serious had happened. Then it dawned on me that the engines had stopped."

"I jumped out of bed and went to my brother's cabin next door. His bunk was empty, and I suddenly felt very frightened. It was even worse when I made my way on deck. There was not a soul to be seen and the ropes which had supported the lifeboats were dangling down to the sea."

"It was cold and dark. I realised that all the others had gone, and I began to feel very lonely."

RAN ABOUT THE DECK

"I ran about the deck hunting wildly for some other person. There was no one."

"The ship appeared to be sinking under my feet. A funny choking feeling came into my throat, and although all the lights were out I hurried back to my cabin, for I somehow felt that I would be safer there."

"I was still frightened, and although I was sick, tired, and cold, I went down on my knees and asked God to protect my brother and all the other boys and girls who had escaped in the lifeboats. Then I asked God to help me."

Robert then went on to say that he climbed into his bunk and wrapped himself in blankets. He was repeatedly sick, but after a short time must have dozed off, for the next thing he remembered was daylight streaming through the porthole.

He dressed and hurried on to the empty deck. Then suddenly he saw a destroyer approaching. For a minute he was wild with joy until it occurred to him that this might be a German vessel.

The destroyer came alongside, and he heard several men talk and shout in a language which he could not understand. "I was certain that they were Germans and that the ship had been captured by the Nazis while I was asleep," Robert continued.

"Then a sailor came along the deck towards me, amazement written all over his face. He said something in a foreign language, and when I did not speak he called to others. One was an officer who turned out to be the captain of our ship."

"The captain, who spoke English, got the shock of his life when he saw me. Then he told me how the ship had been torpedoed, and how, when it was believed to be sinking, all the evacuees had been put off in the lifeboats."

Eventually the ship was towed home, and Robert was landed at a West of Scotland port. Strangely, he arrived within a few hours of his brother Ross, the ship's boats having been picked up by an oil tanker and the children saved.

BRUTAL ATTACK ON JUNK

Believed to be the only survivor of a brutal Japanese attack on a junk, a 42-year-old junkmaster was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital with a bullet wound in the knee.

In his report to the Police this man stated that his junk, carrying a cargo of vegetables, was coming to Hongkong when off Sha Chau, Chinese territory, on Sunday a Japanese trawler deliberately rammed his junk, cutting it in two, and machine-gunned the crew struggling in the water.

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, 2nd AUGUST, 1941.

GENERAL HOLIDAY

On Monday, 4th August, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to Noon, Sheungwan Branch Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. and the other Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes as on Sundays, and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 11.30 a.m.

There will also be one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m. from the Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Taiipo and Un Long.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

Air Mail to Rangoon to connect with the British Overseas Airways Service will until further notice be closed on Mondays and Fridays. Correspondence for despatch by this route must be superscribed by "C.N.A.C."

The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended:—

Yunnan
Szechuen
Kweichow
Hunan
Fukien (except Amoy and Kulansu)
Kwangsi
North and East of Kwangtung.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD AIR MAILS

From	Due
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 5th August.	12th Aug.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 19th August.	26th Aug.

OUTWARD AIR MAILS

For	Date and Time
MONDAY	Mon. 4th Aug. K.P.O. Reg. 11.30 AM Ord. Noon G.P.O. Reg. 11.30 AM Ord. Noon
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."	
FRIDAY	Fri. 8th Aug. K.P.O. Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM G.P.O. Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."	
TUESDAY	Tue. 12th Aug. K.P.O. Reg. 6.00 PM Ord. 6.30 PM G.P.O. Reg. 6.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services"	
TUESDAY	Tue. 26th Aug. K.P.O. Reg. 6.00 PM Ord. 6.30 PM G.P.O. Reg. 6.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services"	

BARTE

Barthe will soon be produced in Canada with the completion of a 100-ton mill, now under construction near here, to grind the barthe from the quarry. Drilling has revealed a body of high quality barthe estimated at over half a million tons.

SLIPPERY THOMAS!

Alleged to have escaped from an approved school, from military custody, and also from a police cell at Watford, Thomas Osborne, 18 engineer, of Sheridan-road, Marylebone, was sentenced to six months' hard labour at Marylebone for stealing tools worth £3 from a garage at Inglewood Flats, Hampstead, and assaulting a constable.

Det. Whiting said that Osborne was sent to an approved school for theft, and he escaped from there. He enlisted, deserted, and escaped from military custody. Since then he had been roaming the country living as best he could.

He was wanted for offences at Watford, where he had escaped from a police cell.

NOT A DOCILE YOUTH

Cambridge.—An apprentice, aged 17, who was sent to Borsdal for three years by the Recorder, was stated by Insp. Bird to have already spent three years at an industrial school, after which he had been bound over for theft.

Convicting the lad, Albert Levitt, on housebreaking and theft charges, at the Quarter Sessions, the Recorder, Mr. Roland Burrows, told him: "You have shown yourself to be a very unprofitable and expensive member of society."

"If you were a little older I should have sent you to prison for a very long period. Unless, your frame of mind is broken you are destined for a life of crime."

The Recorder hoped the authorities would not follow the ordinary course of saying he was docile if he played up to them.

Entry to the shops, it was stated, was gained by using a crowbar taken from an air-raid shelter. Two younger boys involved had been dealt with at a juvenile court.